Then sayd Howleglas such maistery can I do with lesse cost. Then sayde the woman I pray you learne me that cunning and I will geue you therefore what you will haue. Then sayd howleglas I must needes depart from hence, but when I come againe I will learne you that science and learninge, and then went he into the stable and sadled his horse, & tooke his leue and so departed from thence. But he toughte not his bookes that science, but so departed.

¶ How howleglas made hole all the sicke folke, that were in the hospital, where the spere of our lord is.

VPon a time howleglas came to Northeborough and he set vpon the churche doores and vpon the Guilde hall, and euery place that all the people in that towne might know that he was a great maister of Physicke, That all sicke he could make whole And then the maister of the spitle house, where the spere of our Lord is, had many sick folkes in his house then went the maister of the hospitall to howleglas asked him if he could helpe sicke men, or lame men and make them whole, he would rewarde him after his owne pleasure, Thā answered howleglas to the maister of the hospital, will ye geue me .cc. golde gyldens, and I shall recouer and make them hole of al ȳ sikenes, & deases, and will haue no money tyll al the sicke parsons be delyuered out of the hospital, These wordes pleased the maister of the hospital very well And he gaue him some money in his hande. Upon ȳ morowe after came howleglas to the hospital & all men after him, & thā he asked ȳ sicke folke, one after the other, what desease they had, and when he hadde asked them all then he made the swere vpon a booke

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that they should kepe his counsail whatsoeuer he said to them. They answered that they would, then sayde How leglas to them, I haue vndertaken to make you all hole which is impossible but I must needes bryng one of you all to pouder. And then must I take they? powder of him: & geue ally? other to drinke therof, w? other medicines that I shal minister therto, And he? is the last, when I shal cal you out of the hospital and he that cannot go: shalbe he that shalbe brynned. For on wednesday next cōming, then shall I come before the maister of the hospitall, and then shall I call and he that kepeth longest shal pay for all; than prepared euery one of? like to like their crutches, & geue? the wold not be the last, And when How leglas was com to the maisters of the hospital: th̄ called he the, & th̄ they ran out of the hospital, & some of them had not, bene out of their bed.x. peare before, then when the sick folke were out of the hospitall, then said he his mony & then the maister gaue it him & then he departed. And when that Pates after came again he pore men to they? hospital: & complained of their lackes, & then the maister of the hospital said to them: how? meth this so pase. I gaue? maister of phisik a great sum of mony to make you whole, then answered the poore folke, he hath deceyued vs and vs both, for four dates past I came to euery one of vs and said to vs that he should come on wednesday next coming and heale vs, but he said he must needes first bren one of vs, and said that should be he that when he should cal, shold be the last out of his bed, and the powder of hym shold they drinke & be al hole then when they knew the maister of the hospitall was deceyued

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ued and begiled, and then tobe the poore folke to the hospitall and put euery one in their bedde as they where before but he dyd all against his will.

¶ How that a baker hyred Howleglas to be his seruant.

Vpon a time came Howleglas to a baker for to dwel, and the baker had ned of a seruant, a then he hired Howleglas. In the next morninge after, must the baker bake: so the night before must, Howleglas syfte the meale without a candel. Then said he to his maister ye must gene me a candell, Thā answered ỹ baker I neuer gaue a candel to bolt wt, but the bolt beare in the mone light. Then answered Howleglas I am contente, then went his maister to bed to slepe till houres, and in the meane while, let he the bulting bag out of the window in the mone shine and then began he to bolt the flower vpon the earth in the garden, Thā arose his maister and thought to haue baken: and came to the bolting house and thā he fande Howleglas, had bolted ỹ meale in the garden vpon the bare grounde, Then sayd the baker to Howleglas what the deuyll dost thou thinke, the meale coste no more but strawing vpon the earth, then answered Howleglas to his maister. I haue done as ye tolde me, for it is bolted in ỹ mone shine, Then answered the baker, I bad thee that thou shouldest bolte it by the moone shine: a then answered Howleglas, so haue I done, for it is syfted in the mone shine, and without the mone shine. And then sayd Howleglas, Then is not nede leste, but that we may take it vp againe. And thā answered the baker it is to late now for to bake, for our dowe is not made

Then answered Howleglas to his master & said, I shal helpe you wel. Your neighboure hath dowe redy made in the kneding trough, & I will go fetch that & put yours in the stede. The was ỳ baker much angry and bad him go to ỳ galowes & fetch ỳ was vnder it and then sayd Howleglas he wouldе, & thā he departed to the galowes, & whā he came there: he foūd nothing els but a few bōes & those he toke vp & brought home with him. And then said to his maister, I haue brought that that I haue fonnd vnder the galowes what will ye do with it. Thā was the baker more angry & said. I shall complaine on thee, ỳ hast stolen away the kinges iustice, then went out to the market & Howleglas folowed & then came ỳ baker to ỳ burges of the town, & began to complaine, And then came Howleglas & stode by ỳ baker, & therwith was the baker so angry that he wiste not what to saye to the burges and said āgerly to Howleglas, what will thou haue. then sayd Howleglas I must needes se the complaint that ye make on me, then answered ỳ baker, go out of my sight thou vngracious knaue, then answered Howleglas to the baker, if I were in thy eyes, thā must I needes passe through thy nose thrils, when ỳ shittest thy eyes; than departed the burges, & knew well what he mocked. And then shewed Howleglas his arse to the baker, and asked him if he coulde bake such a loke in his mouth. And thē departed he & left the baker standing in the market place.

¶ How howleglas was put in wages with the kotter of an halte, for to watche vpon a toure, to se when his enemies came: and for, to blowe an horne to warne them therof

Vpon a time the earle of Anholte herd for a true wayther Howleglas, for he had many enemies & for þ cause he must haue many soldiers in wages that he must geue meate to. But Howleglas þ was in the toppe of the toure, was not of the meyne, for he was forget. Upon a time came his enemies, & fetched away a great flocke of the earles beastes, & that sawe Howleglas, but he held hys peace: & that was spyed and shewed to the Earle, And thē the erle asked him, why he did lye so still & blew not. Then, answered howleglas, I dyd daunce for my meate. Thē said the earle, wil ye not blowe enemies, Then answered Howleglas I dare not, the filde is so full of enemies. For if I should blowe: they would come & slē you at your owne gate. And then the earle was cōtēt & departed, And within a while after was howleglas againe forgotte. And when the earle was at dyner and had great daintes before him: howleglas blew hemies. And by & by the erle & all his souldiers rose fro the table, & dressed thē in harnes & ran to the gate, but they soude no enemies, In the meane whyle tooke howleglas as much meat as he would haue fro the earles table, Thā the souldiers and the Earle came in & called howleglas to them, & the erle asked hym why he blewe enemies & there were none, the erle sayd it was a trayterous deede, & thā he put hym out of office, Then must he nedes ryde with hys foote-mē to fyghte with there enemies, then sayd he that for the liuerey me. I wold I were hēce but he could not Upō a time came enemies thā wēt the souldiors out vpon them, and Howleglas was laft: and when they returned agayne he was the fyrst in at the gate, at

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at the last the erle had knowledge and cam to Howleglas, and asked what was the cause that he was the last out, and the first in. Then answered Howleglas to the earle, worshipfull lord if it please you why your souldiours made good chere: I stode vpon ỹ your fasting and therfore I am not so strong as your souldiers be. and that is cause that I am last oute, and the fyrst in. And you will geue me meate ynough as ye do ỹ other, then shall I be the first. Then answered the erle, thynkest thou that I will kepe the so longe as I haue kept thee to do nothing but mock vs in this maner, as ye haue done so often? Then gaue ye howleglis leue to departe, wherof he was very glad, for he loued no fighting and so departed he.

How Howleglas whon the kinges foole of Calmery of Bolein with a great point of foolishnes.

THe kinge of Calmery he had wythy hym a certayne foole, which foole could play vpon the fedle, wherfore the kinge loued him much & let great price by hym, Also the king harde oftentimes tell of howleglas but he neuer could se hym. And on a time it fortuned that howleglas came into the kinges playne, for to ask dwelling, whereof when that the king wist that howleglas was come thereto dwelle he was very glad therof, and toke him in, & made hym goodly chere. So it fortuned that the kings foole and howleglas could not agree, and that spyed the king well and thought in his minde what shal I do? and then he made the both to be brought before hym in ỹ hall and then he sayde to them. Which of you two can the moste foolishnes? And one of you do that the other wyll not do: I shall gene his newer wothyng and xl.

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ducates & let it be done in my presence before me, and al my lordes in this hal. And thā they answered both to the kinge that they would prepare them., & wyth in a while they came before the king, and his lordes. And then they began to do many proper cōceytes, & merye touches of foolishnes, on to the other, wher at the king and his lordes had good laughter, and good pastime thereat, for to see how ỳ one laboured for to ouercome the other: & to winne the newe clothes, & the twēti ducates. Thā thought Howleglas this is good for me, Then he thought in hys minde how he myght do a thing, that ỳ other foole would not do, And then came he before the kinge and his Lords, & before them all he dyd shite a great turde. And when he had done so, he tooke a spone and deuided it in the myddes with the spone, & when he had doone so he came to kinges foole and sayde doo thou as I haue done, shite here in the myddes, & when that ye haue done deuyde it in the myddes, & take the spone and and take the one halfe of my turd and eate it, & I shall take the one halfe of thy turde & go eate it: Then answered the kings foole yet had I leuer then I would eate halfe thi turde, or yet mine owne. I had leuer all the daies of my life go naked. Thē gaue ỳ kinge & all ỳ lords ỳ maistery to Howleglas. And they gaue him the new clothes & the .xx. ducates. Then toke he hys leaue & thanked ỳ king, & so departed he from thēce.

How the Duke of Luxenborough banished Howleglas out of his lande.

IT befell on a time: in the lande of Luxenborough that Howleglas had done a great faut and an vn-

happy touche to the duke, whereof the duke bad him that he shoulde go out of his land, and neuer after to come more therein. For if he were found there euer after to come more he should lose his head. And then departed Howleglas out of the Dukes lande for he durst no longer tary there, for the strayte commaundement that the duke had cõmaunded him. And with in a whyle after it fortuned ꝑ Howleglasses way lay so, that he must passe through the dukes lande of they which he was banished, to go to the place where him list best. And as he passed through ꝑ dukes lãd it fortuned that he spied the duke riding towarde him, so ꝑ he cold no way passe: but he must nedes se him. Then lighted Howleglas down from his horse that he rod on: and drew out his knife and cut the horses throte And then he turned his horses belly, and rypte out. all the bowels of his horse, and cast them awaye and then he set the horse with his bely vpwarde, and wet and stode therein. And within a while after cam the duke rydinge by, and as he passed by: one of the dukes seruants spied him standing in the horses belly and he rode to the duke and showed to him where ꝑ howleglas stode, Then rode the duke to him, and whē he cam to hymbe sayd who made thee so bolde as to enter into my lande? Then howleglas sayd worshipfull Lorde I desyre you the pardon of my lyfe for whē I sawe you not far fro me, then put I my selfe in my horse belly, for I haue heard saye, that euery man in his own ground is free, and nowe I stande in my owne ground & not in yours, Then laughed the duke and said. I geue the pardon go out of the dead horse and do as ye were wont to do & to departed the duke

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And then sayd howleglas to his horse, I thanke the for thou hast saued my life, & caused the duke to grene me pardon, And so departed Howleglas.

How Howleglas tooke vpon him to be a painter, &c.

THanit fortuned that howleglas myght no longer tary in the land of Sallenkot, hys thanthe nexte day departed he into the lād of hessen to marthborough to the earle, and he asked howleglas what occupacion he was of, then answered Howleglas worshipfull lord I am a painter, my cunning doth excell al other, for in no land is not so cunning as I. Then answered ye erle, haue you here any exaple of your worke: Then answered howleglas to the Earle yes my lorde, Then had he be in flanders, & brought with him diuers pinages that pleased the Erle wonderfull well. Then sayde the earle to Howleglas Master what shal I geue to you to take vpon you to paint vpō the wal in my hal, al the lordes, & knyghtes of my progeny, fro the fyrst vnto ye last in ye good lyest and fayrest maner ye can with al the erles of Hessen and their ladies with them and how our forfathers were maried to ladies of straunge lands. And al this must you cast that it may be vpō the wales of my hall Then answered Howleglas to the earle, worshipfull lorde: if it please you ye you will haue all thys ye you haue rehersed to me to be painted so cōmunly as you speake of, then would it cost, only the colours ye should long thereto aboue, iii, c, golden Rhens. Then answered the earle to howleglas and sayde make ye well, and in the best maner that you can & we twaine shall agree after the beste maner. And also I shall doo vnto a greater pleasure then all that come the

to. And then toke Howleglas the worke vpon hym, but he sayd to the lorde, that he must nedes haue an C. gildens i earnest, to bi the colours ꝑ belonged therto and for his mens wages. And then bad the erle the rent maister geue so Howleglas an C. gildens, and so he did, Then went Howleglas and gat him thre felowes, and then came he again to the erle & asked him a bone before he begā to worke: & ꝑ erle graūted him & then he did aske of the erle, that there should no person be so hardy to come into the hall to trouble him and his workemen, without they aske hym lycence, And the erle graunted his desire: and thā went Howleglas into the hal with his seruauntes & when he and they were in the hall, Howleglas set a paire of tables before them, and he bad the play but he made them before to sweare that they shoulde not bewraye him: and the fellowes had good pastime, wherewith they were welcontent, & glad that they might haue meat, drinke, and cloth, and doo no other thinge, but play & passe the time in that maner, And Howleglas did no other thinge, but hang a white cloth before ꝑ wall. That done, he came playe with hys seruauntes. In meane time longed the erle greatly to see his worke, if it were so goodly as the copy was, and to se if the colentes were good, and so he departed ād came to Howleglas & said: Good maister painter, I pray you let me go with you to se your worke. Then said Howleglas to the lord, worshipfull lorde before ꝑ you see my worke, I must shew to you one thinge. He the which is not borne in wedlocke, may not set my painting. Then sayd the erle that was a meruaylous thinge. And then went he with Howleglas into the

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hall and there had he hanged vp a whit cloth that he should haue painted, And he had in his hande a whit rod & he did awaye the cloth that hãged vpon ẏ wal and pointed vpon the wall with his whit rode, and shewed the erle that that was the first lord of ẏ land and erle of hessey, And this is ẏ erle of Rome he had a wife that they called Justine, the Dukes doughter of Benem. And after he was made Emperour, And of ẏ daughter of him came Adulphus, And of a dulphus came william the swarte, And this william had one Lewis, so for the loyeur noble grace, And I know well that there is no parson liuinge that can deyroue mi worzkes, so currously haue I made, and with faire colours, but the Lord saw no worzke, but ẏ plain wal Then thought he in his minde am I a bastard is my mother a whore. I see nothing but the whit wal. And for because that he would not be knowe for a bastard he said to howleglas, maister your worzke pleaseth me meruelously well, but my vnderstandinge is very small therin, And with that he went out of the hall, & came to his wife & she asked him how that worzk did please him. he said I haue shewed trust in him. Thã said the erle, I like it well, shall it please you to looke therin, and she graunted, And then she desired howleglas that he might se his worzke, & he graũted her & then sayd vnto her secretly, as he had sayd before to her a lorde shewed her the lordes vpon the wal w the white rod in his hande as he did to the lord and there stode one of the grete woman with the lady & she said, that she saw on painting on the wall and the other speake not on worzde, And thẽ thought howleglas wo? this foolerel truthe: then must I needes de-

parte. Then hanged he vp the white cloth and so departed the lady. And when she was come to her lord he asked her how she lyketh the worke, she saide how yt liketh me, it lyketh not my foliche gentlewoman & she sayd that some of her gentle women sayd that it was but deciete & so thought the lord; then sayde the lord to Howleglas, yt he should make redy his worke that he & his lords might se it to morow yt he might know which of them were borne in wedlocke and which were not, for he that is not borne in wedlocke all his land is forfet to me, Then answered howleglas, I wyll do it with a good wyl, Then went he to the rent maister, and receiued of him a.c. gold gildes And when he had receiued the mony, he sayde to hys seruants, Now must we all departe and gane them mony, of the which they were contente, & so departed. Then on the morow came the earle with his lordes into the hall and the asked wher the maister panner was and his company, for he sayd he would se the worke. Then turned he vp the cloth and asked the & the sawe any worke and they sayde my. Then sayd the erle, we be deceiued, He sayd we haue sore longed to se howleglas and now he hath begyled vs, but it maketh no great mater for the mony. But let vs banishe him fro our land for a begiler of people, and so they did. And so departed the earle with hys lordes. How howleglas had many & great disputacions with all the noble doctours of pragem in Behem.

THen departed howleglas fro the lande of hessen and then came he to Pragem in Behem, where was an vniuersity of scoles and studients, of doctors and bachilers, Then mada howleglas bylles and set them

them vpon euery church dooze, and he wrote that he would answered to all maner of questions, that were laid vpon him, and geue aunswere thereto. And as he had set vp the billes: then came ỳ scolars of the vniuersitie and red them. And when the had red them & found therein, that he should gene an answere to all that was asked him: than toke the a bill and went to the rectour and shewed him that ther was one come that had set vp these letters vpon the churche dooze. And he saith therin that he will geue aunswere to al maner of questions that were put to him. Then the rectour dereing this: sent a scolar to the place where Howleglas was lodged, And charged the hoste of ỳ house that he should to morow bring with him ỳ man that had set vp the billes vpon paine that shold fall therakt or. And the hoost aunswered he would. Then departed the scolar home. Than on ỳ morowe came Howleglas and his host to the vniuersity with iij. or iiij. of his neighbors. And when they were come then was Howleglas take by the armes, and set in a chaire. And the came the rectour with many doctors and shortly they were set about him. Then asked he him how many gallons of water was in ỳ sea. Then answered Howleglas, To stop all the riuers that run therin: & then I shall mete it, and then can I shewe you how many therbe. Then thought the rectoure ỳ was vnpossible to do but he was content with ỳ answere. Then asked he Howleglas the second answer How many daies be past sence Adam, to this time? & then aunswered Howleglas to the rectour, it is eight daies past and more, For whet the weekes done: then begynneth againe the next weke seuen other dayes,

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and so forth the ende of the worlde, Then sayd the rectour tell me now the third answere: And howleglas bad him say what he wold, Then asked the rectour him, wher was the middle of all the worlde, And then answered howleglas to the rectour. that is here in the myddes of this house, for & you beleue not me thā take a corde, and mete it, and if it lacke a strawe bredth, then wil I be counted for an vnlearned man And then the rectour had leuer gene him ꝑ maistery then he would mete it, But then he waxed angry and asked him how far is the earth from heauen? Then answered Howleglas that is hereby, for let men sing neuer so softly here but it is hard in heuē, And ye will not me beleue: then take a ladder & go vp into heauen and I shall here speake softly and if ye here it not, then will I lose the pryce, Then the rectour sayd to howleglas: how wyde is al heauen: & how brode is it: Then answered howleglas to the rectour and said, it is .xii. myle brode & .x. myle wyde, ād if ye will not me beleue, then must ye take the soone, ād the mone and all the starres of heauen and than goo mete them, and if you fynd it not as I say: then will I geue the maistrye to you, and I wyl be ouercome Then the rectour, and the doctours knew not what they should saye more to howleglas, but they sayde that he was so suttle for them, and then they gaue hym ꝑ victory and prayse, And than departed he out of the place, for he was afrayd that the would haue done to hym some vnhappenes,

How Howleglas became a pardouer.

As Howleglas was knowen through all the countrey for his vnhappy touches & begiling

that he had done to them: for ꝑ he was welcome to no place that he came to where he had be muchmade of before all in his youth. Then bethought Howleglas in what maner he might get mony with litle labour. Then went Howleglas & got him a prieſtes gowne, & dreſſed him like a ſolar. Then went he into a certaine churchyard where he founde a dead mans head, and then he toke the head vp, & made it cleane And when it was cleane he bare it to a certain goldſmyth, and bad hym that he ſhoulde bande the head with ſilver baudes, & he ſaid that he would contente hym & ſo he did, And whā it was done: he couēted ꝑ goldſmyth, & then departed he to a village nere there by where it was the dedicatiō day. And then came he to the parſon of the churche & ſaluted him, and then he told him ꝑ he had a relyke, & he praid the curate ꝑ he would do ſo muche for him ꝑ he wold ſhew it vnto the pariſh, that they might offer to it, And he ſayd to ꝑ perſon that he ſhold haue ꝑ one halfe of the offering. And then the parſō moued wᵗ couetiſe, graunted to him, for he was glad to get mony. Then tolde he to the people of his pariſh. This man that here standeth hath brought a precious relike, he that offereth therto hath great pardon, he ſhall come into the pulpet and declare it vnto you: Then went Howleglas into the pulpet, & then tolde he the people of the relike that he had ther, & he ſaid that the head ſpake to hym and that it bad him, that he ſhould bild a church ouer him and that the mony that the church ſhould be bilded with ſhould be wel gotten. And whā the mē and the women ſhould come offer: then ſaide Howleglas to the womē. Al thoſe ꝑ haue made their huſbaudes

cuckolde should sit still and come not to offer; for the
hed had him that I should not receiue the offring, &
when he came down out of the pulpet, & when he was
come down, then came the pooze men & ther wiues &
offered, to the head. And ther was not on woman but
she offered because that he had saide so, and he gaue
them the blessing with the head: and ther were some
that had no mony and they offered their ringes, and
some of them offered twise or thrise, because the would
be seene, & whē they wer gon ther pryse fredy, & thus
receiued he ther offering both of the good & of ỹ pl, to
that he had gotte a great some of mony by that sayde
practise. And when they had al offered, and that ther
was no more that came: than he sayde to them, All ye
men and women that here hath come and offered to
this head be honest and good & more ouer I charge
you on paine of cursyng: that ther be not on of you
that ỹ other slaunder or backbyte, for if you had not
bene good & honest, I should not haue receyued your
offryng. And when the pooze men of they countrey
hearing Howleglas spake in thys maner, they bele-
ued him. And when the masse was done, the came ỹ
parson to Howleglas and sayd to him, that he shold
gene to hym halfe of the offering, and then denided
Howleglas the offering, and gaue the parson a part
thereof, that the parson was well content therewith
and then departed Howleglas from the parson and
then the woman ther about were very glad of How-
leglas & made much of him. So abode he leenge with
them and spēt none of his mony, in such mauer could
he cloke and hyde his vnhappinesse and falsenesse.

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How Howleglas came to the towne of Bamberch and how he did eate for mony,

Vpon a time came howleglas from Nozeobozough to Bambzech, wher he entered into a lodging where was a mery hostise, that bad Howleglas often times welcome for the sawe by his clothing ꝑ he was a mery gest. And as diner time came ꝑ hostyse asked him if that he would go to diner, & she asked him also if it pleased him to be at the twelue peny table. Then aunswered Howleglas and said to his hostice, I am but a pooze man, I pray you for gods sake to geue me my diner. Then sayde the hostise: ꝑ baker and the butcher, will not be so payde. And therefore must I haue mony, for ther is none in my house, but they eate and drinke all for mony, Then aunswered Howleglas. For mony do men eate & drinke in good faith so will I. Then answered the woman to him, what table wyl you be at. For at ꝑ lordes table they geue me no lesse then to shylynges; and at the marchauntes table .xvi. pence; and at my household seruãtes geue me twelue pence. Then aunswered Howleglas to his hostise. Sithe I must nedes eate and pay mony thẽ gene me the best meate that you haue. And thẽ he set him downe at the lordes table. And thã his hostise brought to the table the best meate, & drink ꝑ she had, and she bad him me good chere, she said oft much good do it you gẽtel sir, and howleglas thãked his hostise mãy times. He eat & drãke, & made hi well at ease, and he eat so much of ꝑ good meate ꝑ he swet again, when ꝑ he had made him well at ease, & eatẽ and dronken al that he would; then bad he his hostise for auoyde the table, for he sayde, he must departe

frome thence, And right shortly at his cõmaundemẽt the table was auoyded, And so he arose and stode by the fyre & when he was throwe warme he tooke his leue with his hostice, & would haue departed, That seyng the hostile: toke hym by the sleue, & bad hym to geue her .ii. shyllyng for his diner. Then aunswered he god thank you, for you haue remẽbred, me I must haue two shillinges of you. For you sayd to me, that there came no maner of persons within your house but that the eat for mony. And when you had tolde me that: I sat me downe & said I would do the same And I ate so muche that I swet again, and therfore you geue mony, Then sayde his hostise must I geue ỹ mony to eate my meate & drink my drink such gestes I may haue great plẽty, Bat me mi mony shortly for the bakers and bruers, will not be so answered. Then aunswered Howleglas to his hostise, geue me my mony, for thinkest thou that I wyll eate so much and labour my selfe so sore as I dyd, not to be payd for my labour: nyt I had muche leuer neuer to haue sene, ỹ nor thy house, For I haue eaten so much for mony, that my belly is lyke to burst, would you that I should haue such great labour & not to paye therefore, I haue other thinges to do, than to stande that tig here with the: and therfore com of lightly & geue me my mony, and let me be gon, for I haue right well deserued it, Then said his hostise to him Syr you haue eaten my meate, and dronke my drinke: and by my fyre, you haue had your ease and all at your owne desire, wherfore I praye you to geue me mony. And he aunswered right angerly, wouldest ỹ haue me to paye mony, and I dyd eate therefore, they which is to my great

great harm. Thā she answered to Howleglas, if your eating do you harme, I am not the cause thereof but your eating is to my losse, not onely that I haue lost more then that cometh to. And then she saide depart thou fro my house and neuer after thys ỳ thou be so bold once to enter within my doores. Then said Howleglas, will you on your conscience take my labour for nothing: well farewell. And then departed Howleglas, and he was glad that he had so scaped fro her & she was glad that she was so deliuered of hym.

¶ How Howleglas went to Rome to speake with the Pope.

THen when howleglas had longe occupied hys falsenes: then he remembred this olde prouerbe I will to Rome my maners to amende & home againe my lyfe for to end. And then departed he to Rome where he shewed part of his vngraciousnes, & when he came to Rome, he lodged with a wydow and they widowe did ofte beholde him in the face and because he was a fayre yong man she sayd oftētymes sir you be tyght well come, Good syr she sayde from whence be you. I am of Saxon and my coming hether is for to speak with the Pope, Then answered she to Howleglas good frende you may see him but you shal not speake with hym. For I ỳ am borne in Rome, would haue geue an. C. ducates to speke to him but I could neuer speake to him. Then sayd Howleglas Hostysse will you geue an. C. ducates and I shall bring you to the sperhe of the pope, And she swered to him by her faith she would for other wise it would cost her more in gyftes, Thē on a tyme should the pope syng masse his owne person, at saint Iohn Lateranm. For euery

fowze wekes he must syng masse ther And as ꝑ pope was at masse then Howleglas drew nere to the auter, and when the pope was at the holy sacramente then tourned howleglas hys backe to the auter and that seing all the cardinalles: when masse was done the came to the pope, and they told to his grace, that ther stode a faire young man, all the while that we were at masse, and had de it deuoutly tyll the tyme of the lenation, And whā that youlyfted vp the chalyce above your heades then tourned he his backe toward the sacramente of the auter, Then said the pope, ꝑ is a thing to be loked an for it is a great doubte whether that man beleue wel or not, And therfore it is ne defull for vs to send for that man, and to examin him what erroure it was that he held, the cardenalles answered, ꝑ was the best, then the pope sende for Howleglas to his Inne: and ꝑ messengee brought him to the pope, and when he came before the pope, & the ordinalles, they began straightly to examine hym and they asked of him, what was his beleefe, then answered howleglas to the pope, I beleue as a true christiā man ought for to beleue: And I beleue in Jesu Christ and I beleue that, that our holy mother the church doth teach me, and I beleue as my good hostise doth beleue, and he named her before the pope and al that whole congregation, and then sent ꝑ pope a messēger to the Inne where ꝑ howleglas was lodged & whan he was then he came to the hostise & bad her that she should make her ready for she must nedes go with him to the pope, wherof she had great maruell and made hard, and to wente with him to the pope and when she was come before the pope he asked her what her

belefe was. And she answered to the pope. Reuerend father, I beleue as a true christen woman shoulde do, for I beleue as the holy churche beleues and also I beleue in al that the holy churche bindes me to. Than sayd Howleglas the same beleue I. Then the pope asked him, why he turned his back to the holy sacrament, when he did minister it. Then sayd howleglas to the pope, Reuerend father in god I thought in my minde, when that you lyft vp the blessed sacrament, that I was not worthy to beholde nor there vnto loke, at the tyme that I was confessed & made cleane of all my synns. And then was the Pope with that answer maruelously well contented and plessed. And after that the pope bad him that he shold confesse him of his synnes, and to make him clene therof. and that sayd he gaue his benediction to Howleglas and his hoste, & so they twaine departed. And shortly after departed the pope with all his cardinales into the palace, and to Howleglas was quite therof. And then sayd Howleglas to his hoste I must haue my .C. ducates that I haue earned. And then the woman gaue him the .C. ducates, wherof he was glad and he sayd to his wife that was the better for that Journey to Rome.

¶ How Howleglas deceyued the Iewis with durte.

When howleglas the great deceiuer had beue at Rome, then came he to the towne of Frankefoorde, where a quarter of a great market was kepte. And as Howleglas went about the market he spied a yong man goo with a basket of Ale crauder to sell, that which was well lyked and much set by.

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Then sayd Howleglas to hys selfe, I will goo wyth some marchaundise for to sell, as well as that ponge mã doth, and he thought in his mind how he might find some practis to get mony without labour, Then thought he in his minde euery night what was best to do, for the flene did bite him that he could not slepe And he would fayne haue taken them: but he could not. And whan that the day began to spring he arose and walked forth and as he walked, then spied he by the way a fayre fyg tree, the which bare goodly fruite. And then went and gathered two or three of them, and then he sayde to himselfe this is good for my marchaundise and brought them with hym into Frankforth in Portingale, to the place wher he was lodged and he dressed them after his mind. And whã he had dressed them: he put them in his arse and tempered them with his durte, and let them lye thereby him, by the space of .iii. or .iiii. dayes, that they should not smell to much of durte. And in a morning by tymes arose out of his bed, & went to hys hostyse and hyred a lytle table, & then he went into the market & bought two or three silken clothes, and then in a house he crousled these portingales figges that had lyen so longe in his arse with they silken clothes like as it had bene the musk. Then toke he his table and went into they market, and set by his table, And when it was by then forward be the portingale fygges, that he had made like as it had ben musk. Then came they many marchaunts of diuers landes to hym and they asked him what marchaundise he had to sell: and he stode still and gaue none of them no answer wher of they merueyled, and so departed, And at the last

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wordes spoken of before to be except. And howleglas thanked the Lordes and saide I pray you that euery one of you geue me your handes so therof. And they all together gaue him their handes, so that al the lordes had graunted him both with word and hand. Then sayd Howleglas to the lordes. Because I know you be layth full of your wordes. I shall shewe to you my bone. And then he sayd this is my bone. Then euery lorde of Lubeke do come & kisse my arse when that I haue hanged on the galowes by the space of thre daies long, with his mouth in the morning fasting and the borow maister first and all the Lords after in order. Then answered the lordes to Howleglas and sayd. that his desire was a vnnaturly boone for to be asked. And then sayde Howleglas to the lordes of Lubeke I knowe the coustam of Lubeke, to foure of their promise that they will holde that that they haue promised me both with hand and mouth. Then went the lordes againe to counsayle, then sayde they one to the other thys thinge that he asketh of vs is vnlawfully asked, for it were a great shame for vs all that we that be the greatest lords of the town, should come, and kisse his arse, better it were for vs geue him his pardon, and let him goo his waye, for it is but a small faute that he hath done, then agreed all they lordes and sayde that it was best so for to do, the the lordes called the sergeauntes, and they bad them vnbinde Howleglas and to let him go at large. For all they had graunted him his pardon. And then they vnbound Howleglas. And when Howleglas was at large, he thanked the Lordes. And then departed he from Lubeke, and neuer came there after.

How Howleglas became a maker of spectacles how he could finde no worke in no lande where he came.

ON a tyme the senatours of Rome, had great discorde among themselfe, which of all the Lordes should be Emperoure - And at the last was ỳ cause of Supplenburgh king of Romaines and Emperour of Rome, but thee were many other that loked for it. So when he was made, he lay .vi. wekes longe before the towne of Frankforde abyding there for all other lordes to former where was great company assembled. And this hering Howleglas, he thought in hys minde to go thether, so he did. And ther he thought to get some gylte. And it wer no more but the Emperours syluer harnes. And as Howleglas passed by Frankforde he met with the bishop of Maer and because ỳ he was clothed auenture lyke, he asked hym what he was then answered howleglas I am a spectacle maker came out of Brabant, and I can finde no worke. Then sayd the Bisshop me thinke your craft shoulde be better daylye, for the people ỳ longer they lyue, they lesse syght e they haue therefore your craft should be the better. And then sayd Howleglas to the bysshop, my lorde you say truth but ther is one thinge that destroye our craft: and if you will take no displesure. I shall shew it to you. And then the Bishop bad him saye what he would. And then sayd he, this destroyeth our craft, that suche great lordes as you be kinges, dukes Eries lordes Bishops knightes, lawyers and gouernours of landes and townes, all those loose through they[r] syngers, and not with spectacles They were wont to study in the olde tyme the righte

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and then behoued the me many spectacles. And also the prieſtes, were wont to ſtudey and reade their ſeruice but now they vſe no ſpectacles at all and by thys maner is our craft deſtroyed and nought ſet by. And by heades of the countrey that poore men of the countree learne also to looke throwe their handes: that they be almoſte as cunning, as the heades of the contrey The the biſhop vnderſtode the text but not the gloſe and he ſpake to Howleglas and ſayde, come with me to Frankefoord, and I ſhall geue vnto thee my harnes or clothing, and then was Howleglas very glad and he wente with the Biſhop to Frankefoorde, where the Emperour was choſen: and when they trumphe was don that the biſhop gaue him that that he promiſed him, and then was he glad and he went with the biſhop, and ſo he retourned againe to Sallen:

How Howleglas was hired of a marchaunt to be his coke.

AT Helderſem dwelled a marchaunt, that on a tyme went walking without the town, and as he walked he found howleglas lying on a grene hyll. Then aſked the marchaunt Howleglas what he was howleglas anſwered vnder his couered falſnes I am a coke, and without a maiſter. Then ſayd the marchaunt: yf you will be a good ſeruaunte, I will hyre you, and geue vnto you wages, I haue a cooke at home but my wyfe complayneth on him alwaye. They promiſed Howleglas the marchaunte to bee true to him. Then aſked the marchaunt hys name, then anſwered Howleglas my name is Bartholomens. Then ſayd the marchaunt, that name is all to long your name ſhall be Dale, then ſayde howleglas I holde me contented therewith. Then ſayde

the marchaunt, Dole my man, nowe let vs go gether some herbes for yong chekins, for to morow I must haue gestes to dinner: and then went the home to vys place together. And when the marchauntes wyfe sawe Howleglas she asked her husbande: what shall we do with this mã: went you that our bread moul-des. Then sayde the marchaunt: Be contente wyfe, this shalbe your man for he is a coke. Then called he his man and sayd. Dole take a basket and follow me to the flesshe shambles, and so he did. And when they were there the marchant bought meate for to roste, and when he came home, he called his man and sayd Dole to morowe lay the meate to the fyre, and rost it coldly fyre burne it not: and Howleglas said he wold and then he arose in the morninge, and brought the meate by the fyre, and he toke the meat that he shold roste and put it on the spytte, & bare it down into the seller, and he layd it betwene two barelles of bere, that it shold lye colde inough, and burne not. And be-cause the marchaũt should haue gestes, he came home before to see whether that his meate was wel rosted or not. And when he came home, he called Dole and asked him, if that the meate were ready: and Howle-glas answered, ye maister al saue the tosting. Where haste thou done it: bene the in the seller betwene two barrelles, for in all the house could I not fynd so cold, a place to lay it in for burning. The marchaunt sayd is it not rosted, and howleglas sayd nay, for I dyd as ye bad me. I laid it colde inough for I knewe not the tyme that you would haue had it rosted, and as they were talking together came in the gestes, ãd the marchaunt told to vys gestes howe that Howleglas

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and serued hym, and the laughed iller at but his wife was not content therwith and right glad she would haue bene redy of him, & very angry she was because of that iouthe, Then sayd the marchaunt to his wife Be contented at this tyme, for to morow I muste to hallaer and he shall wayte on me, and when I shall come home againe, then shall I put hym awaye fro hence and then went the marchaunt with his gestes to diner and made good chere and at night called the marcheine his man and sayde. Dole make the wagen ready, for to morow I am in thought. I and my priest to take our Journey to hallaer, and grease it that it may go trime: and then went howleglas and greased the wagen within and without, and in the morninge went the marchaunt & the priest to the wagen, and rode their way and by the way, the priest layde his hande on the raile of the carte, and they made his handes al grease: and then he loked better, and both the marchaunt & the priest were all arayed with grese Then he called howleglas, and he bad him ser and very angrye they were with him, & in the meane time came there a man of the country with a lode of straw and then they bought parte of his straw, & dressed their wagen therwith for sliyng of their clothes and then they went vnto the wagen again then sayd the marchaunt angerly. Go driue it vnder ỹ galowes and as he was a litel further he spied a galowes and then her drone he the wagen vnder the galowes and when it was vnder the galowes he made the wagen to stande styll & he bored the horse. Then sayd the marchaunt what wyll you nowe do then sayd howleglas tary you here al night, for you bad me to driue

you vnder the galowes. And when they saw that the were vnder the galowes, the preest laughed but the marchaũt was very angro ꝯ bad him to drive forth ryght, and neuer to stand still, Then sayd howleglas, he would then pulled he out a pin that was in ỹ wagen that held it fast to the horse and drove the horse forthe and he left them vnder the galoses, Then the marchaũt seing that he lept out of the wagen & they preest with hym and they ran after him & at the laste they ouertoke him, and then the marchant drewe his sworde & would have smitẽ him but the preest would not suffer him and then made he fast the horse againe and so drove the iourney to an ende, When the marchaunt was come hom, hys wife asked how he fared and how he lyked his man he answered not of the best. Then he called Howleglas and he bad hym tary there that night, and in the morninge to departe fro thence for he sayd he was but a begiler and a deceyuer whersoeuer he went, Then sayd howleglas good maister that shal I do. And then arose howleglas early in the morning, and as he was vp the marchaunt sayde: Eate and drynke your belly full and ridde the house of you that I fynde you not here when that I come againe, for I must to churche & when I return if I fynde you here stand to that that shalbe fall, And Howleglas held hys peace, and spake neuer a worde to him, and then the marchont wẽt to church. Then he began for to red all the houshold stuffe and bere it into the streate, then came worde vnto his maister to the churche that all his houshold stuffe stode in the streate, Then came the marchaunt home & saw that it was howleglas that had borne out all his stuffe.

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ye asked his man why he did so and howleglas sayd I did as you bad me: for ye bad me that I should rid your house, and so I have of all youre stuffe that ye have, Then sayde the marchaunt to howleglas depart fro hence, and come no more here. I geue thee warning for here is no body that thanks the for thy labour, And then departed howleglas his waye and so was the marchant faine to cary in his gere againe that howleglas had borne out,

¶ How howleglas was desyred to diner,

IN Lunenborough dwelled a flute maker that knewe Vacabundes by sight, And on a time it fortuned hym to spy howleglas, to whom hee sayd, To morowe I desyre you to dine with me then howleglas thanked him & he laid ẏ he wold And thē departed ẏ flute maker & on ẏ morow at none howleglas went to the pipe makers house & when he was ther the dores were shit, And he taried till none was past, & then he knew wel ẏ he was gretly deceiued & so he returned home again. And on ẏ morning as he walkey in the market, he spied the pipe maker, & then went he to him. & thāked him for his dinner, & he sayd whā ye bed a body to diner, ye shit all youre dores, and the pipe maker & sayd, I had you come to diner, Then sayd howleglas your dores wer shit, Then laughed the pype maker & sayd Go into my house before, and I shal come after to dinner for ye shall finde both rost and soden. And then departed howleglas to the pipe makers house, & there he founde all true as the pipe maker had tolde him, And thē said he to the pipe makers wife that she shold go as fast as she could to her husbande, for he sayde that he had a greate surgian,

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geue him and he sayd that he would turn the spit till that she came againe. The woman said good Howleglas kepe the house tyll that I come againe, and let no body in. Then departed the womā with her maid towardes her husbande as fast as she could and met with him by the way. And when he saw her: he asked her whether she went so fast: And she said to help him For she said that howleglas had told her that ye had a lucion geuen you, and he sayde ỹ ye bade that we shold cōe & helpe you for it was so great that you were not able to bere it. Then was the mā angry, and said know ye not well that Howleglas ys suche a mocker and a deceuer, then went he home with his wife & when he came home he knocked at ỹ doze, and howleglas sayde let be your knocking, for the yonke hathe charged me, that I shuld let no gest in til diner was done. Then went the yonke to his neyghbours and tarried there tyll howleglas had dined, and when howleglas had dined, then he opened the doore, and then the pipe maker came with all his folke. And when he was within he sayd to Howleglas that it was no busynesse for a gest to shut his boskise out of the doores, And in this maner he serued the boste, and his boskise.

How Howleglas won a pece of clothe of a man of the countrey.

HOwleglas would euer farewell and make good cheare but he would not worke. Then on a time came he to Olem, to a goodly company of men of the countrey, and as he walked he espyed one man alone with a greene cloth on his arme, then imagined he in his minde, how that he might get ỹ cloth, So he came to him, and he asked him wher he was dwelling and

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then the husband tolde him: and then departed Howleglas fro him, & continently he met with a shaue the priest. And an other knaue and he saide to them. I desire you to helpe me, and I shall geue you for your labour, and they sayd they wold. The sayd Howleglas when I call you to recorde to know what colour your cloth is: ye shall say blewe, I will go before, & come after, then went he to the husbandman, and he asked him how he solde his blew cloth, then sayde the husband man that it was greene, & not blew. I holde .xx. gildens against thy cloth that it is blewe, then sayde the husbandman I holde yon. It is done sayd Howleglas, and the first man that comes hereby shalbe the Judge thereto. I agreed sayde the husbandman, & the made Howleglas a signe to the man, that he had hired and they came, then sayd the husbandman, we two striue what colour this cloth is, I pray you decide our strife, then the felowe said it is faire blew cloth, then said the husbandman ye be to false for me to medle with for it is made betwixt you two to deceiue mee, then sayd Howleglas cause that ye saye we be agreed, let him go here cometh a priest, will ye be contented what he saieth, and the man of the country sayde yes, then came the priest by, then said howleglas I praye you to tell vs, what colour this cloth is. the priest said ye be well inough what nede you to aske me, the husband man said I know the colour of this cloth well inough but these two men say it is another colour and there fore we striue, then saide the priest what haue I to do with your striuing: then sayd the husbandman I pray you se depart vs of our striuinge, then sayde the priest I can se no other, but that is a fayre blewe

And tha ſaid the huſbandma, and ye were not a prieſt in fayth ye did lye, for ye be thre falſemen, But if ye be a prieſt, I muſt beleue you, And therwith gaue he Howleglas the cloth, and wente his waye. Then did Howleglas with his fellowes cloth them with the huſbandmans cloth againſt the winter, But the good poore man prayed to god, many a tyme and ofte that the deuill might take them all thre, for the poore man was they worſe all they dayes of hys lyfe after that great loſſe.

Howe Howleglas gaue .xx. gildens to xii. poore men for chriſtes loue.

ON a tyme came Howleglas Hauoner, where he dyd many vertuous thinges. On a tyme rode howleglas without the towne, and as he rode he met with .xii. blinde men to whom he ſaid, whether wil ye go? ye blinde men ſo hering that he was on horſebake they put of their capes, for they wende that he had bene a great gentilman, and ſaide, we haue bene at a doale of a riche man, that died yeſterday in the towne. Then ſayd Howleglas. I take gret thought for you how you ſhall do this winter, for me thinke, you ſhall freſe to death, before the winter be done. And then ſayde he holde here is .xx. gyldens and returne againe all you to the place where that I was lodged, and he named his hoſt, & he bad them make good cheare till the winter were done. And tha they thanked him for they thought that he had geuen them many grote but not. And then departed they out the place, where he left them, & tha thought he came of the rych parte had the mony. And when he came not he ſaide to the hoſteſſe ye how the wayes were, they met with

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a good inn, & gaue them .xx. gildens for gods sake and he had vs come hither, and make good chere therfore for he said & he had bene lodged here, & for his sake we shuld haue good chere, when the hoste herde that they had mony, he toke them in, & made them good chere, And when that their .xx. gildens were spent, then said the hoste to them. Now will you reckon good brethren for now the .xx. gildens be spent. The blind men sayd we be contented to pay you, & then spake on of the blind men & sayd. He that hath twenty gildes pay our hoste And then sayd the one to the other, I haue not the .xx gildens, Nay I haue not the twente gildens, And then some sate and clawed their head, & some clawed their arme, And then they knewe that they were deceyued. Then thought the hoste in his minde what shal I do with them. Shal I let them go that they spend me no more money. Nay not so, Thā shit he the blind men in the stable, and brought to them hay & strawe. So when that Howleglas thought that all the mony was spent: then came he riding into the same Inne, wher the blind men were, and he had chaūged his clothing that they shuld not knowe him, and so entred into the Inne, where the blind men were, and led his horse into the stable wher the poore men were And he had set vp his horse: he came to his hoste, and asked his hoste wherfore that he had kept the blinde men in the stable so fast shut in. And he asked him what harme he had done to him. Then sayde the hoste. I wolde that they were to fetcher in the water so that I had no cloth sayde me, and then he tolde him all the matter. And then said Howleglas, and the had a boye we wolde you lette them goo, and the

hoste sayde yes with a good wyll. Then sayd Howleglas I wyll go see if I can finde any borow for them Then went he to the curate of the churche and sayde Maister parish I haue an hors ȳ this night was take with the fende I desire you for to helpe him. The curate sayd with a good will, but you must tary two or three daies, for it may not be done in haste: well sayde Howleglas that is well sayde but I wyll go fetche hys wife that she may here what you say, And ȳ preest sayd I shall tel to her the same that I told to you without fayle. And then went howleglas home to his hell, & he tolde him that he had founde a borow, and that it was the parson of the churche and let your wyfe goo with me & she shal here him speake ȳ same that he hath sayd to me and then was his hoste glad and he sende his wife with Howleglas to the curat, And whē they were come to the curate: Howleglas sayd to him maister parsone here is the wife of the man that I spake of to you now tell her the same that you haue sayd to me, And the curate sayd with a good will that sayd he to the woman tary a daye or two: and I shall helpe your husband well, And then was the womā glad & returned home againe with Howleglas and when she came home, she tolde her husband what the curate sayd wherof the host was glad, and he went vnto the stable and let the blinde men lose and the went their way, And then howleglas retired with his host and is departed from three, and when the third day came then wente the woman to ȳ preest and she asked him twenty gildens that the blind man had spende. The curate asked her hath your husbande that ye tolde to me, and the womā sayd no Then said the curate, that

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is the false deuil that wold haue the mony, Than sayd he what false deuil inuenyst thou. Gene me my mony for my costes: then sayd the curate to the woman, It was told me that your husbande was taken with the false deuyl bying hym hether, and I shall helpe hym therof by the grace of god, then sayd the woman to the prest such begylers hynde I many. Wolt you not pay me for my costes: you bying to me a backe reken and you say my husband is taken with the deuyl, and that you shal knowe shortly, And then she ran to her husband and told him how the prest said to her and when the husbande hard these wordes: he was angry and toke the spite with the rest that lay at the fire, and ran to the prestes chamber, And when the curate spyed him he was afrayde, & called the neighbours to help hym, and he made a fire of the hay vessell before him and he cryed for help to take that man that was so beset with the deuyl, then sayd the husbande, then prest pay me my mony, and the prest gaue him no answere. Then would the husbande haue run thorow hym with the hote spyt, but the neighbours went betwene them & departed them, and they held the husbande still with great payne from maister personne, But as long as the husbande lyued he asked his mony of the prest, for the costes of the blynde men, but the prest answered to him that he ought him nought and nought he wold pay hym. but sayd and you be taken with a deuil. I shall helpe you therof. But neuer after loued on the other,

¶ How Howleglas feared his hoste with a dead mouse,

In the fyfteenth dwelled an Inne holder that was very spytefull and mocking, and he preised great-

ly hys boldnes, Upon a tyme it befell in the winter season, when there had bene a great snowe, howleglas came riding with other three marchauntes fro Dallon to pietleueu, & it was very late or they came ther, & whā they were come, the entred into the Inne that the mā lieth in. Then sayde their hoste angerly where haue you bed so late, it is no time now to take your Inne. Then they answered, Be ye not angry, for we haue bene hounted with a woulfe in the snow we coulde not scape till now. Then the hoste mocked them, because they had ben hunting of one woulfe & sayd, if there came .x. woulfes to me in ỳ field, I wold make them euerichone, & mocked ỳ marchants til they went to bed. And howleglas sate by the fyre & herde all together. Then sholde they go to bed. And it fortuned ỳt howleglas and the marchants shold lie in one chamber, and when they were in ỳ chamber together: ỳ hoste & his wife together how they might stop their hoste of his mocking. Then sayde howleglas our hoste is full of mockinges yet notwithstanding I shall pay him well inough, that he shall not mocke vs no more. Then promised they marchauntes to hayle ỳ to pay all his costes, and gyue him more monye for his labour. Then sayd howleglas do your Journes, and businesse of your marchaundise, and when perhaps ye come again and lodge at this Inne and he shall finde me here, & then we shall quyte our hoste ỳ he shal mocken more. And thā profey marchauntes in the morning and called the hoste, & payed him for their costes, and howleglas also. Then they tooke their horses, & departed from thence. And when the marchaūtes were gone, he cryed to the marchauntes take

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heede that the woulfe byte you not, in mockage. The
thanked their hoste because he gaue them warning
before. And as they rode, howlegias found a woulfe
that was frosen to ꝑ deth, and that he tooke vp, and
put in a bagge, and layd it before him, and then they
retourned againe to slethuen, so that I was where
they were lodged before. And he kept ꝑ woulfe so close
that no man knew therof. And when the night was
come and that they sat all at supper, then the hoste
began to laugh at them & here fonde against their har-
dines, & against the woulfe. Then sayd they, so it fortu-
ned at that time, you sayde ꝑ you would se.x. woulfes
but sir first I wold se you kill one, & then sayd ꝑ hoste
that should I do alone. And thus they left off the
went to bedde. And howlegias held hys peace tyll
that he and the maistes were aboue all together
in their chamber, and then sayd howlegias to ꝑ mar-
chaunts frendes. Let me nowe begyn to worke &
wake you a litle while. And then wente the hoste al
his fulle vpon his feete, then went he priuily into the
chambre & he fetched the dead woulfe that was stiffe
frosen, & pulled it all with fiers & put two children
home in his mouth and made him stand as though
he had ben a liue. And then set he the woulfe standing
in the hal, and set a candle against him, then went he
to the marchantes chamber & knocked at the dore &
bad them arise & come downe & se the mar-
chauntes childe that the woulfe had. And there I left asked the
what they would haue, Then answered ꝑ to hym
that they would haue fire within, for they had so great
hyrde that they must needes drinke. Then answerde
the man I thinke we shall, and we will pay for it to
morowe. Then waxed the hoste angry and sayde,

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Thys is the Wassen maner for to drinke both day and nyght. And then he called his mayd and bad her that she shuld geue the marchentes drinke. And then the maide rose, and as she went to light a candel, she sawe the woulfe with it in his mouth. Thā she was afraid and ran to the gardeyn, for she thought, that he had eaten both the childzen then caled the again. Then caled the hoste his mā, and bad hym arise and bere the Wassous drynke, Then arose he ād lighted a candle, for he wēt that the mayd had slepte styll, Then loked he alide and sawe the woulfe stand he was afraide and he thought that the woulfe had eaten the maide, and let fall ther candle and rā into ȳ seller. Then called Howleglas and the marchentes the third tyme, ād prayed that he himselfe wold bring them some drinke for the sayd there came no bodye, or els geue them a candle, and they wold draw it thē selfe. Then arose the hoste himselfe, for he wend that his man and his mayd were fallen a slepe again, and then lighted he a candel and when that he had done, he loked a syde and spyed ȳ woulfe: and he was so afraide, that he fel into the ground, and then arose he and cryed to the marchantes and he prayed them for to come helpe him for there was a woulf, that had eaten both his man and his mayde. And this hard they maid in the garden and the man in the seller & come to helpe their maister and the marchentes also. And Howleglas laughed at this hardye man that would haue slaine ten woulfes and he was made afraide of one deads woulfe, And whe they hoste sawe it was done in mockage, then was he ashamed, and he wist not what for to say. And then left he his boosting, and

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there came to him two Jewes, & the asked him wha marchaundyse he had there to sell: and then, answered Howleglas to them, and said. This is a precious thing, for all those that do eate of it, or those that smel to it, they shall say the trouth by and by. Then went the Jewes to counsail what was best to be don. Thā sayd the oldest Jewes of them all: We thinke it is best and most expedient for vs to bye that marchaūdise, for then shal we know when that our Messias shall come, therefore I counsaile you to bye it for it shalbe to vs a great Jowel & comfort, and continently they were agreed all, for to bye the marchaūdise of Howleglas, And thā the returned with right great hast vnto Howleglas. And when they were come: they asked the price of on of the Prophetus that was wrapped in the sake, then answered Howleglas to ỹ Jewes Depart fro hence, and let my marchandise alone, for it is to costly for you to bye, for one of them shall cost you .v. C. gylde gildens, and ye will haue it then answered the Jewes to Howleglas and sayde the price is all to great for vs: then sayd he, ỹ I tolde you before and therfore if thou wylt not bye, thē depart shortly fro hence, And then the Jewes hearyng Howleglas speake so sharply to them, and made no more count vnto them: then they beleued him, & continently they gaue to him .v. C. gold gildens without speakyng of any more words; for he spake so angerly that they were afeade to displease him. And when they had bought it, they brought it to the principall Jewe. And the caused him to aggregate all ỹ Jewes both olde and young; when the were assembled, then was there one stod vpon the sca.folde, that was cal-

ted a kynge, and he sayde that be the myghte of God they had gotē a Prophetus and he said he that should haue it in his mouth should, prophecie the truth, and then he sayde to the Jewes. By this prophetus we shall know when our Messias shal come and he commaunded them to fast thre daies. And thē he should Isaake take it in his mouth, & prophecy the truth, and so he did. And as he had it in his mouth, on ỳ nighte Mayslayes, and all other Jsaac that were the seruantes of god they asked it him how it sauoured and he answered I am inspired with the holy goste, to prophecy the truth. There must be another of gods seruantes to haue it in his mouth, and so they dyd, whā he had tasted therof he sayd I am inspired with the holy ghost. I shall tel you the truthe; we are beggled for it is no other thynge but a turde, and they tasted and the turd hāged in their teeth, with the here that he had cut fro his arse, and then they knew well that they were deceiued. And forthwith departed Howleglas fro thence, and he went toward his owne countrye, and made good cheere with good felowes homewarde, as long as the mony would last.

¶ How Howleglas had gotten the parsons horse, by his confession.

In Resen lyng in that vilag was a parsō, that ha a fayre horse, and a proper handemayden, which he loued one as the other, then it fortuned that the duke of Bronsewyke on a time sawe the horse, & when ỳ he had seue the horse, his mind ran so much on the horse, ỳ he must nedes haue hym. Then ypō a tyme cam the duke, and desired the horse oftentimes of the parson, & the parson said him nay. Then was

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the duke sory because he might not have the house, & he durst not take by force: for he was one of the counsell of Bzonswika. And when Howleglas hard ỳ the duke desired the house, then sayd Howleglas to ỳ duke, if you will rewarde me, I shall get you the parsons house. The answered the duke to howleglas I shal geue the my gowne of red chamblot, the on lyne set with pearles, Then saide Howleglas to the duke I shall bring him I have no doubt. So depart howleglas, and he came to the Inne, where he was well knowē & the host sayde he was welcome. And Howleglas rested there thre dayes and after that he made himself sicke. Then was he brought to bed sick that the parson of the towne & his mayde were so busy, & knew not how to do vnto him to helpe. And then began he to wax euer sicker. And then said the parson to Howleglas, I counsaill you to be shriuen, & to take your rightes of the holy churche, as it belongeth to a true christen mā. And when howleglas hard the parsone speake to him. Then sayd Howleglas to ỳ persō I desire you hartfully to be confessed, for I knowe my self filthy, and a great synner. Then the parson examined him vnder confessione right busely, he bad him to remember that he had a soule for to kepe, and he preached and teached to him the vse of confession, And then shewed Howleglas to hym, parte of hys vnnde. And at the laste when he spake no more, then asked the parson of Howleglas if that he had no more synnes in his minde that were great and abhominable, that he was ashamed to shewe. Then answered Howleglas to the parson yes I have one more and that I dare not confesse me of to you, and therefore,

you must fetche me another preest: for if I would shew it vnto you then would ye be angry & out of patience Then answered the parson to Howleglas and sayde they way is far from this place a very toule. Wore ouer if it, for tyme you in the meane whyle to dye thā were we both in great perill & daunger. And therfor tel me that sinne, & I shall absolue the therof, be it neuer so great & abhominable And if I wer angry with you yet you knowe I must keepe your counsail. And if it be any thinge that longes to mee, I for geue ye freely, and therfore tel it me. The longed he more then euer he did; then said howleglas to ye preest. I knowe well that you wyll be angry, but I feele my sore sick that I wene that I shal die and therfore I shal shew it to you quickely. And then he sayde: I haue lyen by your mayde your seruaunt. Then asked he how often haue ye lyen by her. And then sayd Howleglas no more then fiue times: And then the preest thought in his mind; therfore the deuill breake thy neck, and he gaue him absolucio shortly, and forthwith he departed fro Howleglas whom to his house. And when he came hom, he called his maide to him, and asked him if she had lyen by him. And the mayde answered to him and sayde: that did I neuer. Then answered the preest, thou lyest. For vnder confession ye hath tolde me that he hath lyen by the more then v. times. And then the maide sayd naye, and he saide yea. And the the preest toke a staffe in his hand and the durtie maid therwith, that she was both blacke and blewe. And Howleglas lay in his bedde and laughed, and sayd himselfe. Now wreaketh the preest him selfe againe of the mayde. And in the morning wyld how-

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leglas hole, and arose and sayd it was well amended with him and he asked his hostisse, & the priest what he had spend in his sickness: And then thanked the priest he knewe not what, for he was so angry in his minde and the maid also for she was beate for his sake, and then said Howleglas. Tell me what is my duty to paye. And the priest answered not a word, and then sayde Howleglas to him. Remember you not maister parson that you and I dispuled in confession. I shall lyke to haue had to the bishop and I shulde haue plaine on you that you discryed my confession that I confessed me vnto you. When the priest and Howleglas spake after that maner then forget he his anger, and fell on his knees before him, for he felt right that he was in more daunger then euer he was before, and then he sayd to Howleglas, if that you will kepe your peace and take no more wordes hereof. I will gene to you my cote gilde gaudies, and I shall do as much for you as lyeth in me for to be done. Then made Howleglas him selfe very angry with the parsone, and sayd vnto him, If that you would gene me an C. golde gildens that I would not sticke, I will not lyke them for my gowne. When the priest perceyued the maide with weping teares, that she would go to Howleglas and to entreat him, that he should not go to the Bishop, and bad him aske what he will and he shall haue it. Then went the mayde to Howleglas, and declared him what the priest sayd and he answered Howleglas to the priest and sayd, Syr you gaue to me for leasse that you knewe neuer and if you kepe your counsayle and promyse plainly, I will haue neither this then that only, and then the priest was more sorry

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the euer he was. And he sayd to howleglas, that he wold geue to him as much mony as he would desird & not to aske his horse. The sayd howleglas. I will haue none other thing but only the horse, and the the parson had leuer loose his horse, then he would haue the bishop to knowe. Then gaue he the horse to howleglas with ii wyl. And then when howleglas had the horse, then he departed fro the parson, and was very glad. And then he came towarde the duke, And when he was come there, the duke spied howleglas and ỳ parsons horse: thā was he very glad. And then brought howleglas ỳ horse to him, wherefor he was very glad, And then gaue he the gowne of red chamblet to howleglas, and he thanked him greately for that gift and laughed, and the priest was very angry for the losse of his horse, and oftentimes he bete his maiden therfore, for he sayd, she was the cause therof And he bete his maid so oft, that at the laste shee ran from him, and so he lost both his horse and the maide and the priest lowed on howleglas euer after, that loued him so well before.

¶ How howleglas was hired of a blacke smith.

AT Eastland in Kettickedwelleth a smith that hired howleglas for hys man, and when he was hired he put him to ỳ bellowes to blowe, And when he blew not well, then toke the smith the belowes in his hande and blewe, and sayd, lolowe do thus. Here the belowes vpright and then he gaue ỳ belowes to howleglas againe, then wente the smith forth with into the garden, and then toke howleglas the belowes on his necke, and folowed after his master with the into the garden where his master was a shitting and then saide howleglas to his maister where shall

leue this belowes ꝑ I may goketh the other vnto you Then answered his maister and sayd good man what meanest thou art ꝑ not well in thy minde / Go take the belowes and bare them where thou had the he spake faire to Howleglas and right lothe he was to displease him. For euery night by the space of .viii. dayes long he called vp euery night his seruaunts at midnight for to worke/wherof they marueiled what he ment, for they were very angry therwith: and one said to the other, I thynke our maister is not well in his minde that he rises euery night at mydnight to worke he was not wont so for to doo in tymes paste: And as they were speaking of thys rising together, the said Howleglas to his felowes & asked the if that they would be wel content with hym and if he asked of his maister what was the cause that he dydde call them vp euery night at midnight to worke, And the answered the seruauntes, we wyll not be displeased therwith, but right glade thereof, and well contente, therewith, & then sayde Howleglas to the seruantes I will go to him . And forth with spake Howleglas to his maister and said to him, wherfore do ye wake vs euery night at mydnight oute of oure slepe, Then answered the simyth and sayd . This is my manner that my men the first eyght dayes after I not the to slepe, but halfe the night. Then bad Howleglas hys peace, and all his felowes , and sayde no more woordes, and the nexte night the simyth called hys men at midnight to worke. And howleglas then tooke the bed and bare it on his backe, and when the yron was hote, the maister bet it so hard that the sperkes flewe on the bedde of howleglas , Then sayde his maister

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will not that vngracious felow arise. Thã came Howleglas with his bed on his back. And when the mayster saw the bed on his back, he said: what wilt thou do with the bed: Bere it into the place, wher thou had it. Then answered Howleglas to his maister, be ye not angry wt me, for this is mi maner euer, for when that I haue, kept the one halfe of the nyght, then bere I the bed on my backe they other halfe of the nyghte. Then began the smyth to wexe angry and sayde, Go bere the bed wher thou had it and thã go thou aboue out of my house, Then answered Howleglas, and said maister with a good will and then he bare they bed vp into the place wher it was before, Then whã he had borne the bed in his place, then toke he a ladze and clymed vp to the house top, & ther he brake a grete hole in the house top, and pulled away the thatching therof, and he passed thrugh and went ouer the houses and so went his way from thence and neuer came thereafter, And as the smyth was besy working, the hard a great noise aboue in the chamber and a great knocking, Then asked he his seruantes, who was aboue in the chamber that made such a noise, Then answered the men to their maistercãd said we know not who is aboue. Then sayd the smyth, then will I go lok, and then left the smyth his worke and went vp into the chamber, and when he was aboue, he said al the roofe of the chamber was pulled down and also al the tile about, then was he angry, and wist not what to do for he wiste not who had done it: And at the last he looked vp and spied the ladze, then knewe he well that it was Howleglas dede, Then came he downe and fetched a sworde, and he would haue run

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after him to haue slaine him. Then the seruauntes seing the maister taking the swoorde they held him, and asked him what he woulde do: Then aunswered he & tolde how Howleglas had done. The aunswered the seruants to their maister. Let him go for he hath done as you bad him, for you bad him goo vpon the house, and so he hath done as ye may see. And so they smith was content. And the he caused his house to be newe thatched againe.

¶ How Howleglas was hired of a shomaker.

VPon a time serued Howleglas a shomaker, and vpon a time the shomaker had busines in the towne, & then gaue he to howleglas a hide of lether, & bad him ꝑ he should cut all the hide. And Howleglas asked him what facion he should cut them And the maister sayd litle and great, as the swineherd did driue his beastes. And thā sayd howleglas with a good will. And then departed ꝑ coridiner: and then tooke Howleglas the hide, and began to cut ꝑ lether for Oxen, and Sheepes fete, and Swyne. Then came his maister home, and came to see what his seruaunt had cut out and to loke whether he had cut ꝑ lether as he bad him. And when that he had sen, that he had cut out his lether all in beastes clawes then was he angry and sayd to Howleglas: wherefore haste thou marred all my lether, and cut it for beastes fete. Thā aunswered he to him and sayd, I haue done as ye bad me. The maister sayde thou lieſt, for I bad thee that thou shuld not marre my lether, Then aunswered Howleglas to his maister and sayde, I haue done as ye bad me, ye bad me that I should cut both gret and smal, as the swineherde driueth out his beastes and

thyng haue I done. Then aunswered the cordiner to Howleglas & sayde I ment not that: I mente that ye should haue cut out of the hide bothe great shoone and little shoone. The aunswered Howleglas to his maister. If that ye had tolde me it before: I woulde haue done it with a good wyll. And I pray your maister forgeue me this: & I shal neuer do it with a good wyl and then dyd his maister forgeue him for that tyme and then promised Howleglas to hys maister that he would do that, that he had him. Then ỳ next daye after cut howleglas maister himselfe, ỳ shoone out both litle and great, & gaue them to him, and he had him that he should sowe the great with ỳ smalle and Howleglas said with a good wyll, and then toke Howleglas the shoone, and put the little shoone into the great shoone, and sowed them both together, as his maister had him, and that spied his maister: and sayde, ye be a good seruaunt for ye do al thyng that I dyd you. Then answered Howleglas and said. They that do as they be bid: they be worthy to haue thanke Then sayde the maister, ye do after my saying & not after my meaning. For I meane that full ye shoulde haue sowed a litle paire, and after a great paire. And the maister was hasty, and toke him other lether and saide, cut me all thys lether vpon one laste. And they maister thoughte no more of they lasteyes of Howleglas, and he departed to his chamber, and when he was come home, there remembred he what he had said to howleglas. Then went he as fast as he coulde towarde the shop where as howleglas was, and or he came there howeglas had cut all the leiher, vpon ỳ litle laste, al for the lest sote. Then when his maister

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lawe al his lether cut for the left foote then asked he howleglas if there belonged not to the left foote a right foote, and he was very angry with him. Then sayde howleglas to his maister. If that he had tolde to me before, I would haue cut them, but & it please, you. I shall cut as many right shone vnto them. The mayster sayde: I bad the cutte the on with the other and then aunswered Howleglas, ye bad me cutte all vpon one laste. Then aunswered the shomaker. If that I shonld kepe you long: you wouldе make me so pooze that I mutte nedes goe a begging, But nowe geue me mony for my lether & thou haste marred me, and departe thou fro hence, Then aunswered Howleglas to the shomaker, The hyde of a bul will make two hides, And with those wordes he arose ād saide In this house haue I bene, but I will not come here againe, and so departed he fro thence.

How Howleglas solde turdes for fat,

And as howleglas had destroied much lether of the shomaker, whereof the Shoemaker was very sory, and that hering howleglas returned againe to the towne, and came to his maister, & tolde him that he had a last of talowe, and he told hys maister that he should haue it good chepe, for too restore hym part of the harme, that he had doone to hym before in his lether. And then the shoemaker sayd yf it be good, I pray, you let me haue it before another, And then sayd howleglas with a good wil. And then departed they and then went howleglas to the turds ferimers, & made him fill twelue barells with turdes for a litle mony, and then toke he a lytle talowe, and put in the barels fowre inches thicke, as though it

had ben altogether greece, and closed it so close that it could not synke, For it was in the wiuter when there was a great frost, that the durte was fast frosen to ꝑ barrell, and the other sixe bareles he filed with other talowe or tat more thicker then the other sixe were for thei where the example of his marchaundise and when that he had dressed all the bareis he send for his maister they shomaker, and he asked him, if ꝑ he would come to see the marchaundise, and he sayd he would, Then within a while came the shomaker to howleglas: and when he was com there, howleglas made the heades of the best bareis, to be broken vp, when the cordener sawe the bareles they liked him very wel, and then howleglas asked him how the bareis pleased him and he answered very well, and thē asked he the pryce, and then answered howleglas ye shal geue me no more then fowre and twenty gyldēs xii. in hand & the other twelue at ꝑ yeres end and thā was the shomaker content, and thought no decepte and gaue to him, xii, gildens in hand and howleglas receyued the mony, and then departed he, and ꝑ cordyner was glad of the bargaine, and thought that ꝑ forsayde harme that he had don him, should be restored. And then he hyred a seruaunt to melt the talow and he brought one barel by the fyre, and when they durt began to waxe hote it began to smel, Then sayd the one to the other I wen some of vs hath beshiten their breches, and then came the maister & bad them make cleane their shone, for on of you hath troden in a tourde, and then they loked about, but the fonnde nothing, And then shoulde the haue put one of they bareles in the caudzene, then sawe they wel that it

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was the barrell that stank, for it was full of turdes And then they left their worke, and went for to seeke Howleglas, but he was gone: and so the shomaker must suffer the laste losse with the first.

How Howleglas serued a tayler,

ON a time serued Howleglas a tayler, & the tayler asked him, if that he could sowe well a clothe, that no man might se the seame. And the sayd Howleglas yes, And then went Howleglas & sowed vnder a barrell. The sayd his maister what doest thou now this is a meruelous sowing. Then answered Howleglas, I sow so clouse that no man can see as you bad me not I my selfe see not then answered his maister good seruaunt I ment not so: I bad the sow that euery man might see. And then the third night the maister had labored so sore, that he must neades sleepe, then sayd he to Howleglas, a husbandmans gowne, and he bad him take a woolfe & make it vp. And then sayd Howleglas I shall do it. Then wēt he to bed. Then cut Howleglas the husbandmans gowne, and made therof a woulfe with the head and feete. And when that he had sowed it together, then set he it vpon the table with staues, then in the morninge arose hys maister, and cam down, and whā he sawe the woulfe standinge vpon the table he was afraide: and asked hym what he had done, and he sayde maister: I haue made a woulfe as you bad me, then said the maister, I ment that you should haue made vp ỳ russet gown for a husband mans gowne is called here a woulfe. then answered howleglas. If that I had knowen that before I would haue don so, for I had leuer haue done a gowne then a wolfe, and at the last was,

they maister contente. And within fowre dayes after, watched the mayster so muche that he muste needes goo to sleepe: And there was a cote readye made, but it laked the sleues, Then the maister toke the cote and the sleeue and gaue them to Howleglas and he bad hym that he should cast on the sleue, and he sayd he would, Then went his maister to bed and then toke howleglas the cote & hanged it on a balke and set on euery syde a candel, and stode vp & cast the sleues at the cote all they night long. And thē arose ỳ tailer and that spied howleglas, and he cast ỳ sleues more faster then euer he dyd before at the cote. And ỳ aspyed wel the tayler, & sayd what folish touches be those ỳ you do ther. And thē answered howleglas be ye angerly, This is no folish touche for I gaue stand all the night casting the sleues at the cote, and they will not abide theron, and now I se it is but lost labour. Then sayd they master to howleglas. It is my faute for I went ỳ he wold haue ben cleri and me better, for I ment you shuld haue sowed on the sleues on ỳ cote, Thē said howleglas to his maister. The deuil take you, for ye had sayd so to me before. I might haue sowed on the sleues & haue gone to sleepe. But now maister go you & sowe al ỳ day long, & I wil go slepe and then answered the taler, & haue I hired you to sleepe. And thus began they to chide, and as the wer thus chiding, the tailer bad him pay for his candels, that he had brened that night, and then Howleglas speake neuer a worde more but toke al his clothes & went his way and came no more there.

How Howleglas through his subtle disceytes deceyued a wine drawer in Lubeke

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On a time came Howleglas to Lubeke, where is very straight Justice, & the while that howleglas was there abidin, he herd tell of a rude drawer that was in ye lordes seller, that was very proud and presumptuous. And it was sayd that there was no man that could deceyue hi nor palle him in no ꝓfe and ther was gone of all the lordes that loued hym. Then thought howleglas in hys mynde . . how he myght deceyue him, then upon a time toke howleglas two potes, one of wine, and the other empty, and he did the emte pot that no man saw it & came to the seller & gaue the wine drawer the empty pot, & bad him fil the pot with wine, & so he dyd. And when it was full he brought it vp to howleglas, and then he loked aside, & in the meane whyle howleglas set ye pot of water in ye place of wine & toke the pot of wine And then asked he ye wine drawer what he should pay And the drawer sayd, x. mites, the mayster pot to the wine is to dere for me, I haue but. viii. mites & then was the drawer angry, & sayd nay ye serue my lorde price on the wyne, & the lordes gaue hi. x. mites & sayd howleglas I haue no more money, & I wil not leue it so, but I take my wine again & ye shal not haue it, then was they wine drawer very angry, and he toke the pot with the water and cast it vpon the seller, and poured out ye water in the seller & he wende it had ben wine and then howleglas gaue the pot, and sayd . . Master ye shal drink and pay no money for it, for euery he a foole. And then sayde he howleglas sir ye are a foole, and with that word he made his prayer vnto the pottes. And [illegible] howleglas

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for the wordes that he sayde, toke her seruaunt and ouer toke him, and serched hym and then they found that he had two pottes vnder the mãtel. Then tooke the howieglas ãd pecked him for a theefe, & brought him to the prison. And then said tom, y he had deserued to be hanged and tom sayde that it was done for the vouse to deceiue the wiue drawer, & that was but well done for he should haue ben there to before for he sayd dayly that no man should begyle hym: but they that loued not howieglas sayde that he was a theefe & that he should be hanged and thã was howieglas brought before the iudge, and he gaue sentence, y he shuld be hanged. And on the morow was he brought vnto the gallowes for to be hanged for they that loued him not would faine haue seene Iustice done on him. And there were gathered many a mery wone to see howieglas suffer death. But the lordes of Lubeke were sory for him for some wonde that he could do witchcrafte, that he thereby might be deliuered. And as he was led toward the gallowes, he lay at all as though he had ben dead. And when he came vnder the gallowes then desired he to speke with the lordes And when the lordes were com he fell vpõ his knees and he prayed them that he wold graunt him a bone and the lordes sayde, Thou wordest despie thy pardo Then said howieglas. That would I not take for nor money, nor it shall not cost you one peny. Then all the lordes of Lubeke went to the other side of the gallowes, and there they layde their heades together & chese the rehersed his wordes againe and the agreed to graunt him his petition. That done they came to him and bad him aske what he would, saue thase

wordes

Jestinge, and went to bed againe. And on the morow it was knowen through the towne, wherof the hoste was sore ashamed. And thē in the morning arose the marchauntes and payed their costes, and Howleglas also, and rode their waye, and then neuer after praysed the hoste his mandhode.

How Howleglas feed a hounde and gaue the skin for halfe his diner.

On a time came Howleglas verye late into an Inne where the host was not at home, but onely the hostise, this hostise had a blood hound, the which she loued very well and as she had nothing to do, she toke the hounde on her lappe, and plaied with him: & Howleglas satte by the fire drinking a potte of bere and the hostise had taught her hounde to drinke bere in a dishe, and as howleglas was drinkinge of hys bere, the hound fawned on him and wagged his taile on howleglas, and then sayd they hostise, geue they hounde some drinke in his dishe, for that is the meaning, and Howleglas said with a good will and then gaue he the hounde often to drinke, and he gaue him also parte of al thing that was on the table, that the hounde was as ful as he might be, & then went he & laide hym downe stretching him by the fyre, & within a while Howleglas had eaten inough, & then asked they hostise if she would reken and she sayde yes Then asked he hys hostise yf she had had a geste that had eaten her meate, and drinketh her drinke should pay nothing would ye be cōtent therwith. Thē went the hostise that he ment himselfe and thaughte not of her hound. Then sayd she to him good frende, here is no man that eateth here, but he payeth money or a

pledge. Howleglas sayd I am content therwith to pay my part, and the other must pay his parte. And the went the hostise into her chāber for to do her busines, and tok Howleglas the hounde vnder his gowne and went vnto the stable, and flyed of his skin, And the came he againe to his hostise that sate by ye fyre, and he had the houndes skyn vnder his gowne: and then cald howleglas for a reckening, when she sayd reknen he gaue her halfe therof. Then asked she him who shold geue to her that other halfe. Then sayde howleglas chose you here is my parte ye had an other geste that went awaye and payde nothinge, and eate and dranke as well as I did lette hym pay the other halfe of the mony. Then sayd the hostise, what gest was that and what pledge had he to geue. Then sayd howleglas the best coate that he had on, Then drue he out the dogges skyn, and sayd to his hostise here is the beste coate that the gest hath, And when she saw her dogs skyn then spake she very angerly and curstedly where fore haue ye flyed my hounde: Then sayd howleglas let alone your bannin g and your cursing in this maner for it is your sant, for ye bad to me that I should geue to your hounde meat and drinke and I told to you that the gest had no mony and ye said that ye wold not trust him, but that ye would haue a pledge or mo ney to paye for his costes: so haue I brought to you the best cot that he hath for a pledge. Then was the hostise more angry, and sayd. Go out of my house forth ly and never come here more with my dogs, Then sayde Howleglas, Shall go out of your doors: naye but I shall ride out of your dores. Then toke he hys sadel and sadled his horse, and light on him and rode de

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parted fro thence, he sayde to his hostise. Kepe well your pledge, ỹ he may haue your mony, And within a whyle I shal come vnto you vn tiddē. And if I drink not of your drinke, than neede I not paye nothinge. And then departed he fro thence, and rode his way.

¶ Howe Howleglas serued the same hostise an other tyme, and how he lay on a wheele.

WIthin a whyle after came Howleglas to Stafforde, in the same Inne where he had bene, lodged before: and he had done other clothes, on because that his hostise should not know him. And when he was come into the Inne, he spide a whele lye there by and then he alighted & came & layde him therou, and bad his hostise good morowe. And he asked her, if she harde any newes of howleglas. And she sayde nay, what should I here of him? I cannot suffer him to be named. Howleglas sayd what harme hath he doue to you, that ye maye not here speake of him he is a knaue in dede, I neuer herde tell yet ỹ ye came in any place, but or he departed he did some shrewde touche. Then sayd the hostise that is true. For it is but .vii. daies agone that (for the great chere that I made to hym lyke a treitour he slayed my hounde and he gaue me the skyn for my meate and drinke. Then sayde howleglas that was a shamefull touche. And the woman saide therfore shall he come to euill ende. Then sayd Howleglas. Is this all his rewarde? It is not thre houres agone sithen I sawe him lye vpon a whele Then sayd the hostise I had knowen that I should haue bette him with a staffe, that I should haue broken his neck for his robery, for that he hathe done to me,

And then arose Howleglas and sayde, let be your anger, for when I spake to you he laye vpon the wheis/ And now adewe I come not here againe.

How Howleglas set his hostise vpon the hote asches with her bare arse

AS Howleglas was come tro Reme, he came to an Inne where his host was not at home, And when he was within, he asked his hostise if ꝑ she knewe not howleglas, and the hostise sayde nay: but I here say that he is a false deceyuer and begiler/ then sayde howleglas wherefore say ye so ye knowe him not? ꝯ sayde the hostise that is truth but I haue herd spake much of hys vnhappinesse then sayd howleglas: good womā he hath don to you neuer no harme, wherfore slaunder ye him for the wordes of other people, the hostise sayde: I saye no other of hym, then the people do, For I haue herde him be spoken of, of many of my gestes, that haue lodged her. Then held Howleglas his peace, & spake no more til in the morning, and then spred he abrode the hote asches on the hartbe, and then toke he the hostise out of her slepe, & set her theron ene her bare arse, & so was his hostise well brenned, then sayde he to her, Nowe may ye say boldely, that ye haue sene the false deceiuer and begyler howleglas, then cried ꝑ hostise for helpe & lowzed vpon him. Then went he out of her doores and sayde to her. Shuld not me correct & reprone slaunderers and back biters, that saye it of men, and neuer trewe them: nor neuer had don harme to them, yes it is a charitable thing to do. And then toke he his hose and departed fro thence.

How howleglas serued a holāder ꝑ a rosted apple

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Vpon a time came Howleglas to Andwarpe to an Inne, wher was many holáders mery, And he brought with him, ii. egges which he rosted for to eate, for he was sicke and could eate no flesshe, And this seyng a holander sayde, ye Thomme of the countrey, wyl not your hostys measte serue you but ye must bring meate with you when ye thal ye should haue no meat here, and with thase words, he tooke ye egges and supped them vp, and whã he hadde done, he gaue to howleglas the shelles and sayd to hym, holde here is thy bore, the relikes be gone, and thym laughed all the gestes at that touch, and howleglas also; and in the meninge fetched howleglas a fayre apple and cut out all the core therof, and put therin a strong purgacion, and rosted the apple in the fire, and than tooke howleglas the apple and cut it in pieces, vpon his trencher, strawed therof pouder of ginger and set it vpon the table, and went from the table as though he would haue gon and fetched more. And as soone as Howleglas had tourned his back, the holander tooke the apple and eate it in a grete hast. And by and by he fell to parbraking, and caste vp all that was within him, and he was very sicke therof, that the hoste and all the gestes wend that he should haue died of the apple. And then sayde howleglas to the gestes: be not afrayde of hym for it is a litle purgacion, that I haue geuen him, he was to hasty to eate ye apple son, I shold haue warned hym therof. For the rosted apple could not suffer ye rere egges in hys mawe, but that they must needes come out againe: and then the gestes made good chere and laughed. And when the purgacion had wrought all that it would a

that he holde vnto a merchaunte layde vnto Howlegias, Rolle and eate what ye wyll for I will neuer eate with you more,

¶ How howlegias made a newe man that coude carye then potes, and made them all whyte.

VPon a tyme tolde howlegias his enemye vnto then, to the bysshop, that loued him not, for many times he did somewhat and touche, wherat he made the bisshop to laughe. Then on a time as the Bisshop and Howlegias rode a walkyng the diocion daylye ryding, he would do some merye iest, and Howlegias answered nothing to him, as though he had sayde his pater noster, and answered not the bishop. But at length he sayde to him, I praye the tell me some newes that ye can, he sayde he would. But he prayed the bishop to forbeare him. And he graunted him. And in the meane whyle there went howlegias clothes, and hathe earthen potes with hym to market, the which potes he bought on a condition, what time he made a signe to them, that they should breake all potes in pieces. And he granted to him. And then he paied her and returned to the bishop. And when he was come the bisshop asked him where he had bene. And howlegias sayde I was at church. He sayde in lord go with me vnto the market. And so he did. And when they were there howlegias sayde to the bisshop. See you the women with yearthen potes? I will stand here still by you, speke neuer a word: and that I make them to smyte their potes all in pieces. Then sayde the bisshop I holde the xx. gildens that thou shalt not do it. And howlegias did holde, the xx. gildens with the bisshop. And then went they into the towne by a lane, and there they tarried. And then

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cryed and called the woman, & at the last made he
the sygne to her that was made betwene them. And
then tooke she a staffe, and smyte vpon the pottes so
mygtyly y they had broken them euery one, so that
the bishop and all they that were in the market place
did laugh therat. And as the bishop was come home
then called he howleglas a syde vnto hym and sayde
Tell me worthy what thing ye bad to the woman y
ye made her take a staffe, and smyte all the pottes to
peces, and then shall I gene vnto you the fyfty gyldens
Then sayd howleglas to the bishop, Syr, I did
it not with wicked mynde or entent, but I had payd y
woman before for her pottes, & we were well agreed
And then laughed the bishop therat, and gaue vnto
howleglas fyfty gyldens, and he made proclamacion
in a whyte, that no man should hurt the woman by sayng
he sayd he would do all that howleglas bad. Then sayd how
leglas that he would gyue a good noble, & spek
neuer a worde. And then departed howleglas fro
thence, and left the bishop as he would. And
then went the bishop, that when he would make a
sygne to her, it should be to smyte all the earthen pottes
all in peces, and this was the cunnyng that then
howleglas lyd. Then were all the nobles asha-
med and angry in their mynde with the bishop, but
they durst not speake one worde for dauger they
beades, when that they saw that they were open before
them, for they had geuen to the bishop for that
foolysh deede. And then they cōmaūded thanksgyue
ing, and sayde, ye is our Lord and master
and for that he had shewed vs open mockage, we
gaue geuen thim to hym, and howleglas
had

had for his parte one of the fat oxen, wherof he was glad as the other did for ꝑ the gift amounted to .xx. fat oxen, and then went euery man home, fetched a fat oxe and brought it vnto the bysshope, and whan that they were all come in, they stode talking with the bisshop and than came Howleglas ridinge by them, and he sawe all the oxen stand there, the he sayd vnto the bisshop this gaines is halfe mine, tha said he to Howleglas, wil you not hold that thinge that ye haue promised me, and than sayd Howleglas yes, for another fat oxe, than gaue the Bisshop vnto howleglas a fat oxe and he bad him that he shulde departe and so he dyd and lefte the bisshop with all his lordes talkinge than called the bisshop al the nobles together, & when that they were come, he sayd to them, Nowe shall I shewe vnto you all this greate cunninge of the breakinge of the pottes open, then sayd he to them, thys is howleglas had ben before with that woman & solde the erthen pottes in the market, & he had paied her for al the pottes, and he bad to her than when he shulde make signe to her, than shuld she smite ꝑ erthen pottes all to peces, and thys was the cunninge that howleglas did. Then were the nobles ashamed and angry in theire mynde wyth the bysshop, but they durst not speake one woorde but clawed their heades, when that they sawe their fatte oxen before their face that they had geuen to the bisshop for that foolysh deede. But after they comforted themselfe againe, and sayde, Yet is our lorde and maister and yf that he had asked the oxen for nought, we would haue geuen them of hym, and howleglas for his part one of the fat oxen, wherof he was glad.

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How Howleglas brake the staires that the monkes should come downe on to mattins, and how they fell downe into the yarde.

Howleglas as he waxed olde and feble, and had bene in many contreys, then began he to take a litle repentaunce on him, and thought to go to be a religious persone. Then toke he his way to Merton hall. And when he came ther he went into the abbay to the abbot, and whē he came to him, he desired of y abbot that he might be a brother in the place, and to haue a place, and he promised the abbot ꝯ he would geue in the abbay al ꝯ mony that he had. Then sayde the abbot to him, a iested with him for he was a merry iester, that he should haue a place, but he must haue an office therewith for to doo some labour for ye well, that all my brethren do that thinge that I commaunde them, and take the office that is geuen vnto them, and be cōtent therwith. Then sayde Howleglas to ꝯ abbot, whatsoeuer it please you to bid me do, I shall do it with a good wyll, then sayd the abbot they labour is no not gret that I shal geue vnto you, for ye shall be porter, so that ye may haue cōuersacion with the people daile, and no other thing then for to open the gate, and for to shit it againe; that sayde Howleglas to the abbot. God thanke you my Lorde that ye haue ordeined for me a poore olde man, so light an office, and therfore shal I do all that ye bid me and leue all that ye forbid me, then sayde the abbot to him, take here is the keyes, ye must not let in euery body, nor scarsely in the .iii. nor the .iiii. for thee be so many vacabundes and landriuers. For if that ye should let them al in that comes, the would eate ꝯ drinke so

muth, that at the yeres ende the would bring ȳ place. to a lowe ebbe. Then sayd Howleglas to the abbote That shall I do with a good will, And then kepte he the gate and when that the seruauntes and munkes should haue come in thē would he let in no moze, but the.iii, oz the.iiii. And then they complained to ȳ abbot of Howleglas, a tolde him that Howleglas was a deceiuer, and a begiler of folke, foz he would not let them in, that belonged vnto the place. Then called ȳ abbot Howleglas to hym and asked hym why that he did not let in the seruauntes of ȳ place. And howleglas aunswered, I haue done as ye bad me, foz ye bad me that I shquld let in but ȳ third oz the fourth and to moze, and so I did, and therefoze haue I not broken your commaundement. Then saide the abbot ye haue done like a falle knaue; a therfoze shall I put ȳ out of thine office, foz ye will not leue your false touches. And then gaue he that office to an other monke and then sayd he to Howleglas, this shalbe your office, you shall tel euery night how many mūkes come to matins; and ye misse one: ye shall out of the abbay. Then sayd Howleglas to the abbot. My lozd ȳ were I loth foz to do, foz to go out of the abay, wel I will do after your commaundement, but the abbot gaue to him that office, because that he would haue him out of the abbay, and so foz to be rid of him. And Howleglas though in his minde, not foz to tary longe. And then went howleglas a pulled awaye ii. oz iii. stepes of the stayres, that the mūkes should come down vnto matins. And at midnight came the pryour hyllle that was a good olde man, and was wonte to be they first; And when he thought to haue gone down he fel

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and brake his leg. And the he cryed pitteously, so that the other munkes herd him, and came running hastelye for to see what that he ailed and lacked: then fell they eche after other downe the staires. Then in they morning complained the munkes to the abbot, and shewed hym howe that howleglas had served them. Then was the abbot more angry, and sayd to howleglas what haue ye done? Howleglas sayde as ye bad me, for ye bad me ỳ I should tell ỳ munkes when they came to matins, and so I haue done, looke here is the table. Then sayd the abbot go out of the abbay for ye haue lied them like a false knaue. And then departed howleglas fro that abbay and went to Hollen.

¶ How Howleglas bought creame of the women of the countrey, that brought it for to sell to Maryandza.

Within a while after or that he woulde enter into the abbay of Maryandza to be a munke, he went a walkinge on the market daye to Bremen, wher he saw many women standing there to sell creame, And then went howleglas to the house wher he was lodged, and borowed a tub of his hostise, and went again into ỳ market, And when he was there, he set down his tub and came to a woman of the countrey and he asked the price of her creame. And when they were both agreed: he made her for to put ỳ creame into his tub and then wēt he to another, and agreed with her also & made her to put her creme into his tub, and so went he fro the one to the other, till that he had made all the women that had ther creme: to put it into hys tub. And when he had soo done that asked they poore women their money of Howleglas, for they woulde departe home. Then sayde Howleglas to the women

ye must do so much for me, as to trust me these eyght daies, for I have no mony at this time. Then ware the women of the countrye angry, & they ran to they tub for to take euery one of them their cream againe for they would not trust him. And as they would have taken their creame again, then began they to fall together by the eares, & sayde. Thou takest more then thou shoulde haue. And the other stode all weping & sayde to them. Shall I loose my creame? And other twain were tumbling by, there ere, in the myddes of the cãnell. And thus they pulled and haled on ꝓ other that at the last the tub fell downe, & arayed thē very foule, so that they were all disfigured & wist not of whome the should be auenged of. And thē arose the and asked where is this false knaue ꝓ hath brought our milke, and hath deceyued vs so, for had we hym here amonge vs, we shoulde christen him here in the creame, that is in the cannell, & paint him therewith as wel as we be, for he is a false begyler and deceyuer. But he was gone fro thence for hee cast before ꝓ such a thing should folowe. And when the burgeys of the towne and many other folke of the town sawe that the cannels ran with creame: Then went they to the market place for to se. And when ꝓ were there, they asked how the creme was spylt, and then it was tolde them, And when that the knewe it then they returned home laughing, and praised greatly ꝓ falsenes and subtelty of howleglas.

¶ How howleglas came to a scoler to make verses with hym to that vse of reason, And howe that howleglas began as after shall folow.

¶ howleglas

Howleglas

Mars with septer, and king corronate
Furius in affection, & taketh no regarde
By terrible fighting, he is our pryncipate
And god of battell, and person ryght froward.
Of warries the tutor, the locke, and the warde
His power his might, who can them resiste
Not all this world if that himselfe list.

The scoler

Not all this world who tolde the so:
Where is that written, right fayne would I se
Ye came lyke a foole, and so shall ye go,
By one person only, deceyued ye may be
And by astronomy, I will it vnto the
If that will not helpe, some shyft shall I finde
By crake, or cumning, Mars for to blynde.

Howleglas

Venus a god of loue most decorate
The floure of women, and lady most pure
Louers to concord she doth aggregate
with perfect loue as marble indure
The knot of loue she knytte so in sure
With frendly amite, and neuer to discorde
By dedes, thought, cogitation, nor worde

The scoler,

Not to discorde yet did I neuer see
Howe not here tell, of louers suche twaine
But somethyng was leaue this of me
Other in thought or yet in wordes plain
your reasons be nought, your song goeth in vaine
By natural person: such loue is not found
In Fraunce, Flaunders, nor yet English ground

The god of wine, that bacchus hath to name
The sender of fruytes, that maketh wynes all
Wyll make, or make or put them in fraine
All at his pleasure, and vse diuryall
He may therfore in lykewise to fall
Their lorde and maister and chiefe gouernoure
He may them destroy, and make in a houre.

The scoler.

All to destroye, it is not by his might
Nor yet for to make of that be thou sure
(Omnia per ipsum saint John sayes full right
Then we call Christ, our god and our treasure
Presume not so hye, you fayle of your measure.
Rede, hrare, and see and here well away:
Unknowen vnsayd, and for grace thou pray.

Tale.

How howleglas at Mollem was sycke and how he did shite in the poticares boxes, and how he was borne in the holy ghost

As howleglas was come from Werindalle, then he fel sycke and when he was sycke, he went to Mollem, wher he was lodged in a poticaries house, for to make medicines therefore. Then should the poticarye geue to him a medicine for his sickneſſe and then he gaue to howleglas a stronge purgacion, And in the morning the purgacion began to worke, And then arose howleglas for to haue gone to they draughte, but he coulde not fynde none: and so he beshit all they chambre, And then he toke the xii. boxes that the medicins were in and he shyt in euery one of them, and he sayd, here come out the medicines again

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it wer great pity to lose them, for I haue no mony to
geue him for them, when they poticary hearde those
wordes, then was he angry, he woulde haue him, no
longer in his house but take & bare him into an hospe
tall of the holy ghost, and when he was wythin then
he sayd I haue prayed god long ỹ the holi gost might
cõe vnto me, but my prayer is clene contrary, for I am
come into the holy gost, & he abideth without me, & I
in him. Then laughed the people & sayd, as mẽ liue so
is their ende. Thã herde his mother say that he was
sick, then she came to him, and she had thought for to
haue had some mony of hym, for she was olde & pore
and when she sawe him she wepte & sayd, wher be ye
so syck. And howleglas sayd here betwene the bed &
the wal. Then sayd his mother speke to me one swet
word. Then sayd Howleglas to his mother, yeu thoup
is not ỹ a swete worde, then sayd his mother, tell me
some thinge that may do me ease, then said howleglas
to his mother, whẽ that you fert: turn your arse with
the wind & then you shall fele no stinke. Then sayd his
mother, geue me some of your good, then sayd howle-
glas to his mother, he that hath none shall geue none.
For my good is, so secrete that no man can finde it, &
you can finde any take it, And thẽ howleglas waxed
sicker & sicker so ỹ the folke axed him whether that he
would be shriuen, for they sawe wel that he shold not
recouer, then sayd an olde syster that was a good
frende of his she counsayled him to be cõfessed & take
repentaunce for his synnes and so to be ỹ seruaũt of
god. And howleglas sayd, I will not cõfesse me secret-
ly, for all that I haue lost, I haue lent openly to ma-
ny men in diuers landes, and that is well knowen for

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they that I haue done good to, they will say good of me, and they that I haue done harme to, the wyl say harme of me, But I am very sory of two thinges ỳ which I could neuer bring to passe in my lyfe. Then sayd the syster be sory of thy synnes, and beglad that ye did not those two thinges, if ỳ they wer yll, And if they were good, be sory because the wer not done, Than sayd Howleglas it is as men will take it, For I was sory in my minde whan I sawe a man pycke hys teethe with his knife, that I had not shytten on the end of it. The other is that I am sory for, that I did not drine a wodeu wedge in all womēs arses, ỳ were aboue .lyeare, for they be nother clenly nor profitable. I desyre it for no other cause but this, ỳ is, that the shulde not shite on the ground, the which bringeth frutes. Then sayd the sister to Howleglas god saue all women of that age & all those that bene more. For I here well and you were strong, and that you had you might as you haue had before this erle you would dryue departed wedge into arse, with a woden wedge, for I am a woman of ix, yeare & more Then he answered to the sister, I am ryght sorye, & heuy because it is not done, Thā answered the sister it were much better that the diuil had the, Thē answered howleglas it is truth, for a woman is no sonet angry but she is worse then the deuil, And than the sister departed and let him lye.

HOwleglas deceiued his goostly father, And as Howleglas was thus sycke, and then they brought to him a yrieste, And when that prieste was come there he thought in his mynde, this hath

hath bene a great deceyuer of the people and begiler, wherewith he hath get much mony. And then came the preest vnto him and sayde, howleglas remember your selfe, for ye haue done many synnes, and nowe must you remembre that you haue a soule, to kepe and how you haue gotten much mony by deseite, & falsehode, & now bestowe that mony to the worshipp of god and poore priestes as I am, and that I councel you for to do, and I shall order it well and remembre you hereafter and do many masses for you. Then sayde howleglas. Good father if it please you to come at noone againe, then shall I make redy some mony for you. Then was the preest glad, & then departed, Thā tooke howleglas an earthen pot and filled it halfe full of turdes, & he strawed theron a litle mony, soo that the durte was couered, And when it was noone, the preest came and he sayd to howleglas, Frende shall I haue that ye you promised me? And howleglas sayde ye, Then he set the pot before him, and sayde. Take, now your selfe, but be not to hasty nor put not your hand to depe, Then sayde the preest I shall do as you bid me. And howleglas did it open the pot and he bad the preest to gripe softly, for it was almost ful. Then was the preest glad, and put his hand into the pot, & he grepe a great handfull: And when he felt it softe: he pulled out his hande, and it was all to be shitten, Then the preest sayde, ye may well be called a deceyuer & begiler, that haue deceiued his ghostly father, and when he be at the pointe of death, Then sayde howleglas to the preest, Good for did I not shewe vnto you before ye you shulde not gripe to depe? And if that ye were couetous, it was not my faut, Then

sayd the prieste, ye passe in vngraciousnesse all other that euer I sawe, In faith it was greate pity ꝑ thou scaped from hanging, when thou sholdest haue bene hanged at Lubeke, and then the prieste departed from thence. Then howleglas called the prieste againe, & sayd to hym. Maister parson come againe, & take your mony with you. But he wente hys waye and made it as he hard it not,

How howleglas made his testament.

In the meane tyme wexed howleglas sicker, and sicker. Then he called for ꝑ lordes to make hys testamente. And when they were come: he gaue his goodes in .iii. partes. One parte of his kinsfolke; and other to the lordes of Molē; and the other to the parson of Molen, whē soeuer he died, And he asked to be buryed in christen mans burial, and to singe for hys soule, Placebo and Dirig, with masses & other good seruices, after the customs and vsans. And then he shewed to them a greate cheste ꝑ was wel barred with yron, and fowre keyes therto belonging, and he told vnto them, that in that cheste was al his good, & then he gaue the cheste to them to kepe, that wer right heyr for him. And then within a moneth after his death then the foure should take the keyes therof, and open the cheste, and deale all the money for hys soule. And within a whyle after he departed, And when he was dead they wound him in a winding sheete, and after in a coffin, and after on a bere, Then came the prieste and fetched him to church and songe for him placebo and dirig, And in the meane time came in a sow with her pigges, and went vnder the bere, for she hade

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found the taste of dead flesshe & with her nose thrast down the bere, wherof the priestes and clerkes wer a fraide, and they sawe that it was downe, then they ran so fast þ eche fell in other necke, for they thought that he had bene risen againe and so they lafte hym there. And then the sisters of a nonnery tooke the corse, and brought it to graue and buried it. And whē a moneth was past: then came the thre parties for to vnlocke the chest, and for to deale the money for hys soule. And when that they had opened the cheste, that founde no other but stones therin. Then the wondered therof, and the one loked on the other; and the parson had wende, that the lordes had had the mony because they had the cheste in keping; and the lordes wende that his frendes had opened the chest and take out the treasure, & put in stones the whyle that he was sycke, and so to haue shyt the cheste againe: And his frendes wende that the curate had conueied þ treasure when that he confessed him. And then in a great anger they departed frō thence for at the last þ knew that it was he that had dō it for to mocke them. And after that the lordes and the curate agreed together again, and so to bury him vnder the galowes. And so they did. And as they were deluing of his graue, hee stanke so sore that they could not abide þ ayre therof And so the couered hym wyth earth againe and lette him lie still, and so they departed.

How Howleglas was buried.

THus as Howleglas was deade, then they brought him to be buryed, and as they would

haue put the coffin into the pytte with, ii, cordes the cord at the fete brake. so that the fote of the coffin fel into the botome of the pyt, and the coffin stoode bolt vpryght in the myddes of the graue, Then desyred ỹ people that stode about the graue that tyme, to all ỹ coffin to stande bolte vpryght, For in hys lyfe time he was a very meruelous man, and he did many wōderfull thinges, and shall be buryed as meruelously: and in this maner they lefte howleglas stand bolt vpryght in his graue, and they couered hym with earth And then they layde a stone, And on the stone was grauē and owle holding a glas with her clawes: And thereon was grauen thys scripture, Presume no man awaye thys stone to take, For vnder this stone was howleglas buryed late.

In the yeare of our Lord God, M, CCC, xl
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Here begynneth the table.

How howleglas as he was borne was chrisse-ned.iii.tymes vpon one day.

How howleglas aunswered a man that asked the hyghe waye.

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How howleglas fell fro the rope into the water.

How howleglas mother learned hym, ād bad hym go to a craft.

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How howleglas was stolen out of a bye hyue, by night.

How howleglas was hyred of a preest.

How howleglas was made a parish clarke.

How howleglas wold skye fro a house top. *Skoggins pattern.*

How howleglas made hymselfe a phisicion, and how he begyled a doctour with his medicines.

How howleglas made a syck child for to shite, that a lorde myght not shyte, and how he gat great worshyp therof. *A myracle vpon ly haults, & lame. Ide in mensa philosophica.*

How howleglas made hole all the syeke folke that were in the hospitall, where the spere of our lorde is.

How howleglas was hyred to be a bakers seruāt.

How howleglas was put in wages, with the tosse-ter of Anhalte for to watche vpon a tower, to se whā his enemies came, and then for to blowe an horne to warne them therof.

How howleglas won a great deale of money wyth a poynt of folishnes.

How the Duke of Lunenborough banished how-

leglas out of his lande.

How howleglas set his potte vpen the hoote asshes with her bare arse.

How howleglas toke vpon hym to be paynter,

How howleglas had a great disputation with all the the Doctours of Praigem in Bemen,

How howleglas became a perdoner,

How howleglas did eate for mony, in the towne, Badberbetche,

How howleglas wēt to Rome to spek with the pope

How howleglas deceiued, iii, Jewes with durt,

how howleglas had gotten the persons horse by hys confession,

how howleglas was hyred of a blacke smith,

how howleglas was hyred of a shomaker,

how howleglas serued a tayler.

how howleglas solde turdes for fat,

how howleglas through hys subtle disceples deceyued a wine drawer id Lubeke,

how howleglas became a maker of Spectacles and how he could fynd no worke in no lande,

howe howleglas was hyred of a marchaunt man to be hys cooke,

how howleglas was desyred to diner,

how howleglas wane a piece of cloth, of a man of the countrey.

how howleglas gaue, xx, gyldens to, xii, poore men for Chystes loue,

how howleglas feared his host wᵗ a dead woulfe,

how howleglas slied a hounde and gaue the skyn for halfe hys dynner,

how howleglas serued ỳ same hostisse another time and

and lay on a whele,

how howleglas serued a holander wt a rosted apie.

how howleglas made a woman that sold earthen potts to smite them all in pieces.

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How howleglas made his testament.

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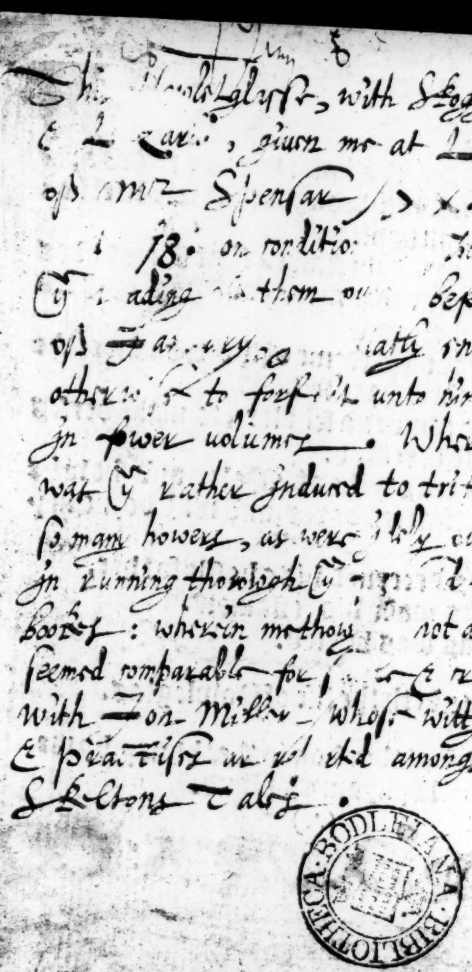
¶ Thus endeth the life of Howleglas.

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